

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD (274)**  
**FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019**  
**Per Executive Recommendation**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The State Medical Board consists of 14 members and regulates physicians, physician assistants, doctors of osteopathy, occupational and respiratory therapists in the state. The Board also registers medical corporations.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for the State Medical Board is \$4,006,729 for FY2018 and \$3,847,870 for FY2019.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The appropriations for the Board are funded with cash funds received from fees charged for examinations and licensure, annual renewals, credentialing requests, issuance of certificates and permits, and requests for the Board Directory which is compiled annually.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS (FY2017 CHANGES FROM FY2016 AUTHORIZED)**

**ST MEDICAL OPERATIONS**

This appropriation is funded by fees charged by the agency and provides for the operations of the board. The total appropriation for FY2018 is \$4,006,729, an increase of \$191,765 over base level. The total appropriation for FY2019 is \$3,847,870, an increase of \$29,960 over base level.

Increases are to the Capital Outlay line item to replace aging data processing equipment, software, and data systems.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Positions FY2019: 45  
Total Positions FY2018: 45  
Total Base level Positions FY2017: 45  
Increase / (Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018 and FY2019: 2 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 2)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**\*LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED\* LEGAL FEES:** Board to pay legal fees, up to \$200,000, from cash funds as a result of the Edwards v. Beck case challenging the Arkansas Human Heartbeat Protection Act.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:** Board may spend \$25 per licensed physician to a non-profit that assists healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems.

**EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS:** No funds can be spent on attorney services unless the Attorney General certifies the board can employ legal counsel. The Attorney General must certify the board needs legal counsel, consents to legal counsel, determines the board re-advertises each year for legal counsel, and any amount to be paid for outside legal counsel receives prior review by Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee annually.