

Agency Purpose

Minnesota Statutes 153.01-153.26 and Minnesota Rules, Ch. 6900 authorize the Minnesota Board of Podiatric Medicine to act as the official licensure agency for podiatrists. The board was originally created and currently exists to protect the public's interest through the regulation of podiatrists in the state of Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination and renewal, as well as by the investigation of complaints.

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ to promote the public's interest in quality podiatric health care from competent podiatric health professionals by ensuring that podiatrists' qualifications meet the specifications established by the board; and
- ◆ to protect the public by ensuring that all licensees provide quality podiatric health care.

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ setting and administering educational requirements and examination standards for licensure as a podiatrist;
- ◆ responding to public and agency inquiries, complaints and reports regarding licensure and conduct on applicants, permit holders, licensees and unlicensed practitioners;
- ◆ reviewing complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding disciplinary conferences with licensees, and taking legal action to suspend or revoke the licenses of podiatrists who fail to meet standards; and
- ◆ providing information and education about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested audiences.

Operations

- ⇒ The board is made up of five podiatrists and two public members appointed by the governor and is staffed by a half-time executive director. The Complaint Resolution Committee consists of a podiatrist appointed by the board and a public member.
- ⇒ Services are delivered by issuing licenses to qualified individuals, issuing renewal certificates to licensees meeting continuing education requirements, issuing temporary permits to individuals completing podiatric residencies, and providing license verifications to credentialing services and medical facilities.
- ⇒ The board protects the public by investigating complaints and holding educational and disciplinary conferences with licensees. Disciplinary actions and agreements for corrective action are issued as needed to further protect the public.

Key Measures

- ⇒ On an annual basis the board investigates 10-12 complaints filed against licensed podiatrists.
- ⇒ In FY 2006 the board issued six new podiatric licenses, renewed 93 licenses, issued seven temporary permits, processed annual corporate renewals for 35 podiatric corporations, and provided more than 650 license verifications to medical facilities and credentialing agencies.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$156,000

Total Estimated Revenues: \$164,000

Staff: .50 Full-time equivalent employee

**Minnesota Licensed Podiatrists
Statistics**

(As of June 30, 2006)

Total Licensed: 189

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$156,000, which includes .50 full-time equivalent employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent, and other operating expenditures. The board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The board is estimated to collect \$164,000 in FY 2006-07, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs.

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The web site at: <http://www.podiatry.state.mn.us> gives visitors easy access to useful information about podiatric medicine. Types of information available through the web site include: regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices, and forms.

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Dollars in Thousands

| | Current | | Forecast Base | | Biennium 2008-09 |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|
| | FY2006 | FY2007 | FY2008 | FY2009 | |
| <u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u> | | | | | |
| State Government Spec Revenue | | | | | |
| Current Appropriation | 49 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 106 |
| Forecast Base | 49 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 106 |
| Change | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| % Biennial Change from 2006-07 | | | | | 3.9% |
| <u>Expenditures by Fund</u> | | | | | |
| Direct Appropriations | | | | | |
| State Government Spec Revenue | 48 | 54 | 53 | 53 | 106 |
| Open Appropriations | | | | | |
| State Government Spec Revenue | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| Total | 56 | 62 | 61 | 61 | 122 |
| <u>Expenditures by Category</u> | | | | | |
| Total Compensation | 38 | 42 | 44 | 45 | 89 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 18 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 33 |
| Total | 56 | 62 | 61 | 61 | 122 |
| <u>Expenditures by Program</u> | | | | | |
| Podiatry, Board Of | 56 | 62 | 61 | 61 | 122 |
| Total | 56 | 62 | 61 | 61 | 122 |
| Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | |

Dollars in Thousands

| | Actual FY2006 | Budgeted FY2007 | Current Law | | Biennium 2008-09 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | | FY2008 | FY2009 | |
| <u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u> | | | | | |
| Departmental Earnings: | | | | | |
| State Government Spec Revenue | 85 | 82 | 82 | 82 | 164 |
| Other Revenues: | | | | | |
| State Government Spec Revenue | (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Non-Dedicated Receipts | 84 | 82 | 82 | 82 | 164 |
| <u>Dedicated Receipts:</u> | | | | | |
| Total Dedicated Receipts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Agency Total Revenue | | | | | |
| | 84 | 82 | 82 | 82 | 164 |