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Board of Physical Therapy

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<https://mn.gov/boards/physical-therapy/>

AT A GLANCE

- The Board's main function is to protect the public through the regulation of over 8,000 physical therapy professionals, including physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs)
- 8,431 total licensees (6,625 PTs and 1,806 PTAs)
- 1,113 new licenses issued (896 PTs and 217 PTAs)
- 82 total complaints
- 68 resolved complaints
- 20 discipline orders
- 14 total open complaints on 6/30/2023
- 3,835 Continuing Education courses reviewed

FY2022 and FY2023 data

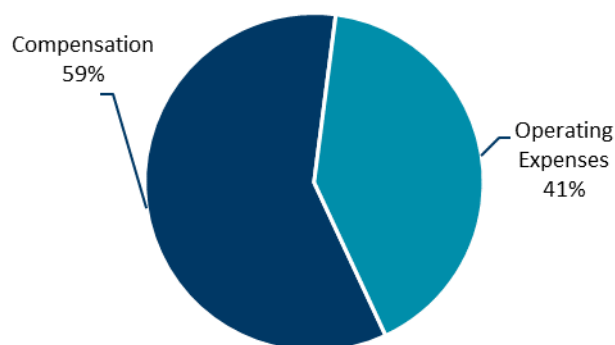
PURPOSE

The Board works to ensure that people in Minnesota are safe. We license qualified applicants, and make sure that physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) maintain competence. We thoroughly investigate complaints against licensees, provide timely and impartial resolution, and when necessary, discipline licensees.

Our mission is to ensure that Minnesotans receive appropriate physical therapy from competent PTs and PTAs.

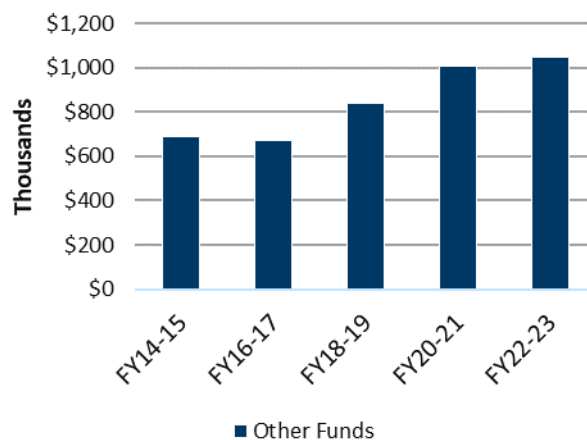
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2023 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees in the amount sufficient to cover direct and indirect expenditures. Funds are deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. From this fund, the Board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency expenses such as salaries, rent, costs associated with disciplinary/contested cases and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation. Fees have not been raised since 1995.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that support multiple boards and/or other agencies. Some of these are: the Administrative Services Unit (inter-board), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

Our agency is funded by fees paid for licensing and continuing education program approvals. The three primary services that the Board engages in to regulate providers of physical therapy are:

- **Licensure:** assurance that those approved for Minnesota licensure have met minimum standards established by the Board. These standards primarily include successful completion of education from an accredited program and passing a national examination, both of which help establish that the candidate is competent to practice. The Board also reviews the candidates' backgrounds to evaluate their fitness to practice. Beginning in May 2015, the Board has required that candidates for initial licensure complete a fingerprint background check, providing additional information for the Board to consider when making licensure decisions.
- **Continued Competence:** the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy uses continuing education (CE) requirements as a measure of the licensees' involvement and commitment to staying engaged in the profession. The Board has established a two-year CE cycle, during which each licensed professional must complete a minimum of 20 hours (2 being ethics) of CE activities that have significant intellectual or practical content dealing primarily with matters directly related to the practice of physical therapy or professional responsibility.
- **Complaint Resolution:** when there is concern raised that a licensee may have violated the Practice Act, the Board initiates an investigation of the complaint and works to bring the matter to resolution. Physical therapy professionals are held to a high expectation of practice and ethical behavior as outlined in the statutes and rules governing them and enforced by the Board. Appropriate and timely resolution of complaint matters ensures that questionable behaviors are addressed and prevented from continuing.

RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend (FY 2022)	Most recent data (FY 2023)
Percent of licensees using the online annual license renewal system on time	Quantity	Automated Licensing Information Management system	99.9%	100%
Percent of licenses renewed the same day Board receives the completed renewal application & fee	Quality	Automated Licensing Information Management system	99%	100%

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend (FY 2022)	Most recent data (FY 2023)
Percent of complaint cases resolved in less than one year	Quality	Automated Licensing Information Management system	98%	98%

M.S. 148.65-148.78 and M.R. 5601.0100-5601.3200 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.65>) provide the legal authority for the Board of Physical Therapy

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

Expenditures by Fund

1201 - Health Related Boards	504	504	502	1,030	789	789	789	789
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	19	19	19	29	19	19	19	19
Total	523	523	521	1,059	808	808	808	808
Biennial Change				534		36		36
Biennial % Change				51		2		2
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

Expenditures by Program

Physical Therapy Bd	523	523	521	1,059	808	808	808	808
Total	523	523	521	1,059	808	808	808	808

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	347	309	363	421	426	434	426	434
Operating Expenses	176	214	158	638	382	374	382	374
Other Financial Transaction	0							
Total	523	523	521	1,059	808	808	808	808

Full-Time Equivalents

2.60	3.12	3.32	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		200		176				
Direct Appropriation	564	564	678	854	789	789	789	789
Transfers In	122							
Transfers Out		212						
Cancellations		49						
Balance Forward Out	182		176					
Expenditures	504	504	502	1,030	789	789	789	789
Biennial Change in Expenditures				524		46		46
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				52		3		3
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	2.60	3.12	3.32	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	6	6	11	10				
Receipts	19	20	17	19	19	19	19	19
Balance Forward Out	6	8	10					
Expenditures	19	19	19	29	19	19	19	19
Biennial Change in Expenditures				10		(10)		(10)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				27		(21)		(21)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2025 Appropriations	854	854	854	1,708
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		(65)	(65)	(130)
Forecast Base	854	789	789	1,578
Total Governor's Recommendations	854	789	789	1,578
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	29	19	19	38
Forecast Base	29	19	19	38
Total Governor's Recommendations	29	19	19	38
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	19	19	19	38
Total Governor's Recommendations	19	19	19	38
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	832	832	832	1,664
Total Governor's Recommendations	832	832	832	1,664