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Board of Medicine Budget

The Board of Medical Examiners was created in 1886 and the Board of Osteopathic Examiners was created in 1921. The two agencies were combined in 1963. In 2007, the Board's name was changed to the [Board of Medicine](#) (BOM). The Board is composed of 10 members: five medical physicians (MD), two osteopathic physicians (DO), and three nonphysician public members. Board members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms, with confirmation by the Senate. In addition, the Board can have up to 10 alternate members who can serve on administrative panels in contested case hearings. The Board is responsible for administering and enforcing State laws and administrative rules governing the licensure and practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, and acupuncture.¹ The Board is funded exclusively by licensure fees.

Fees and Administrative Costs

Iowa Code section [147.80](#) allows various State boards of health-related professions to establish, by administrative rule, fees based on the costs of sustaining the boards and the actual costs of regulatory activities. The boards are annually required to prepare estimated projections of revenues and expenses, then adjust their schedule of fees to cover projected expenses if necessary.

Iowa Code section [147.82](#) allows the boards and the Department of Public Health, Bureau of Professional Licensure, to retain the fees collected as repayment receipts under Iowa Code section [8.2](#). Prior to FY 2006, the annual fees collected were allocated to the boards through authorization language included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. In addition, a portion of the fees were deposited in the General Fund. This practice was phased out, and the boards now retain all promulgated fees. Fines imposed by the BOM are deposited in the General Fund.

For the BOM, generally, license and renewal fees cover a two-year period during which licensees may practice. The Annual Report for the BOM states that the last time fees were increased was in FY 2007, and fees were subsequently decreased in FY 2014. Utilizing data as reported to the LSA in the biennial [Fee Project](#), the most common fees (excluding the \$45 criminal background check) charged by the BOM are:

- Initial fee for physicians (MDs and DOs), \$450 (renewal \$550 via paper application, \$450 via electronic application).
- Initial fee for acupuncturists, \$300 (renewal \$300).
- Resident physician license, \$100 (extension \$25).
- Verification fee for physicians, \$30.
- License reactivation, \$150.

Budget Reports

¹ In 1994, the Board was given the authority to register acupuncturists, and subsequently gave the Board authority over the licensure and regulation of acupuncturists when the law was changed in 2001.

More Information

Board of Medicine Annual Reports:

medicalboard.iowa.gov/board-statistics

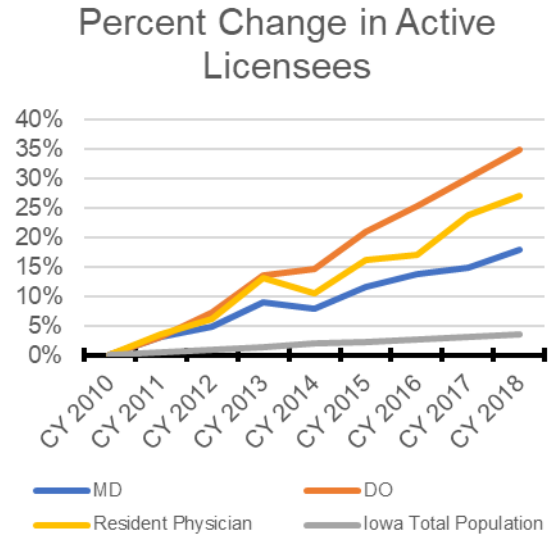
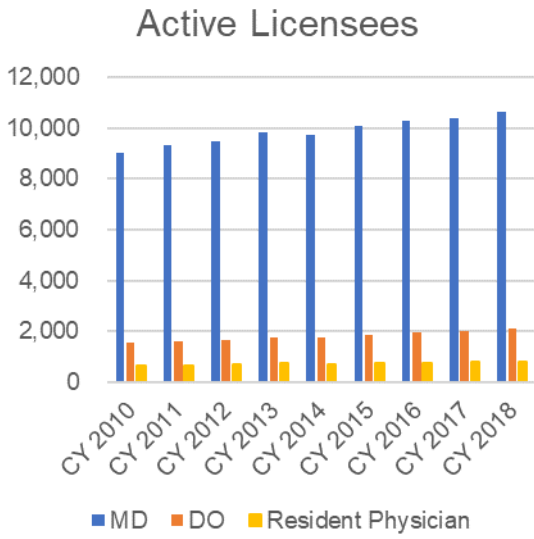
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Carryforward funds are important to entities that do not receive a General Fund appropriation to cover expenses at the start of a fiscal year before revenue is received. In particular, these funds are necessary if that entity has a licensure period in which all licensees renew in the same time frame, as is the case for licenses to practice acupuncture, which are all renewed in October of even-numbered years. Carryforward funds are also required for covering costs of larger ongoing projects, such as information technology updates, that take time to implement. The amount of carryforward balance as a percentage of total annual expenses will vary from board to board.

The following table presents the budget report for the BOM adjusted for the balance carryforward transactions to differentiate ongoing fee revenue from the carryforward balance. Staffing level data and information on active licensees is also included.

Board of Medicine Budget Report

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Estimated FY 2020
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,358,341	\$ 1,569,867	\$ 1,210,097	\$ 943,481	\$ 1,250,148
Receipts from Other Entities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,295	\$ 0	\$ 0
Fees, Licenses & Permits	3,132,894	3,144,534	3,222,296	3,320,473	3,340,774
Annual Revenues	\$ 3,132,894	\$ 3,144,534	\$ 3,234,591	\$ 3,320,473	\$ 3,340,774
Total Resources	\$ 4,491,235	\$ 4,714,401	\$ 4,444,688	\$ 4,263,954	\$ 4,590,922
Personal Services	\$ 2,130,364	\$ 2,372,032	\$ 2,270,934	\$ 2,196,562	\$ 2,335,561
Travel & Subsistence	57,688	63,412	55,006	44,049	70,399
Supplies & Materials	54,104	67,912	80,205	49,005	47,764
Contractual Services and Transfers	536,136	613,937	555,175	555,276	719,070
Equipment & Repairs	77,560	319,640	474,981	103,864	263,800
Claims & Miscellaneous	65,516	67,340	64,906	65,051	1,154,328
Licenses, Permits, Refunds & Other	0	30	0	0	0
Total Expenses	\$ 2,921,368	\$ 3,504,304	\$ 3,501,207	\$ 3,013,806	\$ 4,590,922
Ending Balance	\$ 1,569,867	\$ 1,210,097	\$ 943,481	\$ 1,250,148	\$ 0
Ending Balance as Percent of Expenditures	53.7%	34.5%	26.9%	41.5%	0.0%
Total Full-Time Equivalent Positions	22.6	24.1	22.4	21.9	25.5



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