

STATE MEDICAL BOARD (274)
FISCAL YEAR 2013

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The State Medical Board consists of 13 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 for FY2013 is \$3,502,823.

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) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION A23)

This appropriation provides for the operations of the Board. Total appropriation for 2013 is \$3,502,823, a change from FY2012 which includes:

Operating Expenses - increase of \$2,000 for continuation of enforcement investigation expenses and software license renewal.

Professional Fees - decrease of \$225,000. Contract with software designers was paid for in FY2012.

Capital Outlay - decrease of \$145,000. Replacement of warranty servers, equipment and software was paid for in FY2012.

III) POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2012: 41

Total positions for FY 2013: 41

Increase/ (Decrease): 0

SPECIAL LANGUAGE

1. Requires \$25 from each physician licensed by the Board to be paid by the Board to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations to provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems.
2. Delineates qualifications and limitations of the Director.
3. 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 ALC/JBC annually.