



Executive Director's Report

(Prepared July 2, 2015, for the July 9-10, 2015, Board meeting)

FY2016 EXPENSE BUDGET: The Board of Medicine's budget for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016) is \$4,260,709, up from 4,237,141 in FY2015. The budget is based on anticipated licensure fees in FY2016 and includes roll-over funds from the current fiscal year. The Board does not anticipate a licensure fee increase in FY2016. The Board has not increased licensure fees since FY2007 and it reduced several fees in FY2014. The FY2016 budget includes:

- Funding for wages and benefits for a full staff. At present, the Board has two vacant positions (investigator and physician health program case manager) that are expected to be filled in the next several months. There is a 2.5 percent cost-of-living increase for contract-covered positions and eligible employees (not at the end of their pay-range) that will receive merit increases. Non-contract positions will receive a net .5 percent cost-of-living pay raise.
- Per diem allowances to cover all Board functions and meetings, including hearings, conferences, teleconferences, and the Board's December 10-11, 2015, meeting in Iowa City.
- Funding for a mobile-friendly website, document scanning, and licensure database projects to facilitate the new administrative medical license and the relinquishment of licenses that have been inactive for 5 years or more.
- Staff and Board member education and travel for conferences and training.
- Costs associated with travel and assessments related to Iowa's participation in the new Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

IOWA JOINS COMPACT: Iowa became the 10th state to enact the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact after Governor Terry Branstad signed the legislation into law on July 2, retroactive to July 1. The compact will expedite the licensing process for qualified physicians and reduce barriers to obtaining licensure in multiple states and jurisdictions. Since January 1, compact legislation has been signed into law in Alabama, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming. A compact commission will be organized later this year with two representatives from each compact state. The commission will adopt rules to facilitate expedited licensure and exchange of regulatory information between states.

FY2016 REGULATORY PLAN: The FY2016 plan for possible amendments to the Board's administrative rules has been prepared for the Board's review prior to being submitted to the Governor's Office and posted on the Board's website. The plan, which will be discussed at the

July 9-10 Board meeting, includes rulemaking that will be needed to implement several new laws from the 2015 General Assembly.

FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS: Mark Bowden, executive director, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards, a coalition of the nation's 70 state boards that license and regulate allopathic and osteopathic physicians. He is attending the FSMB board's first meeting of FY2016, July 7-11 in Middleburg, VA. The FSMB board is meeting with the National Board of Medical Examiners, which produces U.S. Medical Licensure Examination, and with Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, which assesses the readiness of international medical graduates to enter residency or fellowship programs in the United States that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

BOARD CALENDAR: July 1-September 30, 2015

July 3 -- Office closed (July 4th holiday)

July 9-10 -- Board meeting

July 17 -- Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

July 30-31 -- Contested case hearing for Lynette I. Iles, M.D.

August 27-28 -- Board meeting

September 7 -- Office Closed (Labor Day holiday)

September 10-11 -- Reserved hearing dates

September 17 -- Board teleconference

September 18 -- Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting