

AGENCY/PROGRAM SUMMARY
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Agency/Program Mission:

To protect public health, safety and welfare by regulating the practice of naturopathic medicine.

Agency/Program Description:

The Board regulates Naturopathic Medical Doctors (NMD) physicians who engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine including certification of those in specialty practice; certifies NMD graduates to engage in internship and preceptorship training programs; certifies medical assistants; certifies naturopathic medical students to engage in clinical training programs; approves naturopathic medical schools, internships, preceptorships and clinical training programs in naturopathic medicine; certifies NMD physicians to dispense natural substances, medicines and devices from their offices; and conducts investigations and hearings on complaints relating to medical incompetency and unprofessional conduct.

Funding and FTE Summary:

(\$ Thousands)

	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Estimate	FY 2001 Estimate
General Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Appropriated Funds	120.0	157.4	151.6
Other Non Appropriated Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Funds Subtotal	120.0	157.4	151.6
Capital Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0
Agency Total	120.0	157.4	151.6
FTE Positions	2.0	3.0	3.0

Agency/Program Goals and Performance Measures:

- ◆ Goal 1 To efficiently process license and certificate applications and administer examinations.

Performance Measures	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Expected	FY 2001 Expected
● Applications received	NA	524	410	460
● Licenses/certificates issued	250	629	337	380
● Number of days to process licensing applications	NA	60	60	60
● Examinations conducted for license	65	74	75	75
● Percent of licensees/students pass examinations	85	95	85	85
● Total number individuals or facilities licensed	287	409	370	420

- ◆ Goal 2 To timely investigate and adjudicate complaints to protect the public from incompetent and unprofessional practitioners and report the unlawful practice of naturopathic medicine to the county attorneys and the Office of the Attorney General.

Performance Measures	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Expected	FY 2001 Expected
● Complaints received (licensees and certificates)	16	13	25	25
● Complaints resolved (received same FY)	3	5	25	30
● Disciplinary actions taken (complaint same FY)	4	5	20	26
● Average number of days to resolution (received same FY)	160	120	120	120
● Average days to resolution (received prior FY)	365	365	365	365
● Percent of licensees with more than one complaint	1	1	1	1
● Unlicensed complaints received	14	7	20	23
● Percent of total licensees with disciplinary action	2	2	5	5
● Total number of inspections conducted	0	0	20	20

- ◆ Goal 3 To implement a program that would audit NMD physicians prescribing and dispensing practices and also the compliance with the annual continuing medical education (CME) requirement.

Performance Measures	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Expected	FY 2001 Expected
● Percent of physicians in compliance with dispensing statute	40	70	70	90
● Percent of physicians disciplined for failure to meet dispensing statute	0	0	20	10
● Percent of physicians disciplined for failure to meet CME requirements	0	0	15	5
● Percent of physicians in compliance with CME requirement	60	80	80	90

