

Performance
Evaluation &
Research Division
(PERD)

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**Regulatory Board Review: West Virginia Board of Osteopathic
Medicine**

PERD’s Objectives:

To determine if there is a continued need for licensure by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine (Board), assess whether the Board complied with the general provisions of Chapter 30 and other applicable laws, assess whether the Board’s impaired health condition treatment program provides adequate public protection against potentially impaired providers, and evaluate the Board’s website for user-friendliness and transparency.

Key Recommendations:

The Board should evaluate its expenditures for ways to avoid its cash balance falling below the annual disbursement amount.

Board members should adhere to W.Va. Code §30-1-2a (c)(3) and attend the State Auditor’s Seminar on Regulatory Boards once per term as required.

The Board should consider utilizing the state treasurer’s lockbox system to further reduce risk of fraud.

The Board should review the overall finances of the West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program to determine if the current contractual fee structure is adequate, and if the additional fees charged by the MPHP are reasonable and do not inhibit impaired licensees from participating in the program.

Agency Purposes:

The purpose of the Board is to protect West Virginia citizens through the licensure and regulation of doctors of osteopathic and allopathic physician assistants.

What Did PERD Find?

The Board is necessary to protect the public and complies with most of the provisions of Chapter 30 of West Virginia Code. However, the Board should review the overall finances of the West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program to determine if the current contractual fee structure is adequate, and if the additional fees charged licensees by the MPHP are reasonable and do not inhibit impaired licensees from participating in the program.

Fiscal Year	Beginning Cash Balance	Revenue	Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance
2020	\$484,983	\$398,848	\$427,039	\$456,792
2021	\$456,792	\$459,648	\$395,291	\$521,149
2022	\$521,149	\$448,483	\$459,653	\$509,979
Average	\$487,641	\$435,660	\$427,328	\$495,973

Source: West Virginia Our Advanced Solution Integrated System (OASIS) report WV-FIN-GL-151.

PERD also found the following:

- As of August 2022, the Board has 1,815 licensed D.O.s and P.A.s.
- The Board complies with most general provisions of Chapter 30 of West Virginia Code.
- The Board is financially self-sufficient but should begin to evaluate its expenditures for ways to avoid its cash balance falling below the annual disbursement amount.
- The Board provides adequate oversight of the contractual agreement with the West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program; however, the Board should determine if the overall costs are reasonable.
- The Board’s website needs modest improvement to enhance user-friendliness and transparency.