

Assurance may not be expended until the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene develops a plan for review by the budget committees, the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee which details how these resources will be allocated to substantially improve the disciplinary system for the State's physicians. This plan shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. standards for improving investigation in quality of care claims;
- b. a timetable for the disposition and elimination of the current backlog of cases;
- c. standards for the timely disposition of all cases submitted to hearing officers and brought before the new board;
- d. steps that will be taken, in conjunction with the Department of Personnel, including development of new classifications, if appropriate, to improve the salary structure for the positions of assistant attorney general, hearing officer and investigator that will be hired for the new board;
- e. proposals for specialized training of the personnel that will be allocated to the board;
- f. steps that will be taken to ensure that resources allocated to the new State Board of Medical Quality Assurance will not be diverted to other boards or other purposes in the department;
- g. status of the State employees currently assigned to the State Board of Medical Examiners.

The report shall be submitted to the committees not later than July 1, 1988. Funds shall be released upon approval of the budget committees. This appropriation may only be expended for the purpose of the State Board for Medical Quality