

Article – Health Occupations

14-207.

(a) There is a Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund.

(b) (1) The Board may set reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of licenses and its other services.

(2) Funds to cover the compensation and expenses of the Board members shall be generated by fees set under this section.

(c) (1) Except for fees assessed in accordance with the provisions of § 14-402(e) of this title, the Board shall pay all fees collected under the provisions of this title to the Comptroller of the State.

(2) The Comptroller shall distribute:

(i) [20] 6 percent of the fees received from the Board to the General Fund of the State;

(II) 14 PERCENT OF THE FEES RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION TO BE USED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ONE-HALF TO MAKE GRANTS UNDER THE HEALTH MANPOWER SHORTAGE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM UNDER § 18-804.1 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND

2. ONE-HALF TO MAKE GRANTS UNDER THE LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM UNDER § 18-1602(C) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE TO PHYSICIANS ENGAGED IN PRIMARY CARE OR TO MEDICAL RESIDENTS SPECIALIZING IN PRIMARY CARE WHO AGREE TO PRACTICE FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AS PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AS BEING MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED; and

[(ii)](III) The balance of the fees to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund.

(d) (1) The Fund shall be used exclusively to cover the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Board as provided by the provisions of this title.

(2) (i) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund, not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(ii) Any unspent portions of the Fund may not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund to be used for the purposes specified in this title.

(3) No other State money may be used to support the Fund.

(e) (1) The Chairman of the Board or the designee of the Chairman shall administer the Fund.