

Respiratory Care Board

Role and Overview

The Ohio Respiratory Care Board (RCB) was established in 1989 to ensure that persons licensed by the Board meet certain minimum education, examination and training criteria to safely practice respiratory care in the state of Ohio. In 2004, the legislature passed the Home Medical Equipment licensing Act, which placed the licensing/certification of certain home medical equipment facilities under the regulatory authority of the Board. This dual professional and commercial regulatory authority makes the Board unique in its function and structure. Under the Ohio Revised Code, the Board may investigate and act upon complaints concerning its licensees and inspect licensed home medical equipment facilities. The Board monitors compliance of both groups under its authority, including annual and biennial license renewals with under five employees. The Board consists of nine members representing the respiratory care profession, home medical equipment facilities, medicine and the public. Currently, the Board licenses over 7,400 respiratory care professionals, 257 limited permit holder, 755 registered home medical equipment facilities, and 76 licensed home medical equipment facilities. In 2012, the Board attained a 96% participation rate for online respiratory care license renewal and a 50% participation rate for online HME license and registration renewal through the electronic online system. This level of participation improved efficiency of the process, reduced paperwork and increased auto records storage. For the second renewal cycle, the Board did not mail renewal ID cards, but relied upon the electronic verification system. This process saved the Board the cost of printing for more than 8,000 providers. The Board also completed a move of all active respiratory care licensure records to storage following a three year scanning and integrity verification process. This move opened needed space and moved records containing PCI to a more secure environment.

More information regarding the Respiratory Care Board is available at www.respiratorycare.ohio.gov.

Agency Priorities

- Meet all mission-critical goals including license application review and issuance, efficient license renewal, investigation of all complaints, adjudication of violations, monitoring continuing education compliance, and completion of HME inspections on a regular basis.
- Manage and secure sensitive data provided to the Board by its licensees. Ensure the agency is compliant with all confidentiality and privacy standards, including IT security. Maintain accurate and up-to-date information on the licensing requirements for respiratory therapists and home medical equipment industry. Manage the Board's website to reflect accurate and user-friendly information and forms availability.
- Continue and expand online license renewal by allowing persons licensed by the Board to upload critical documents. The Board may have to wait for the state of Ohio to procure a new standard renewal system.
- Continue monitoring Ohio respiratory care educational programs and annually report on program outcomes measures as reported the national accrediting organization. Implement rules deemed necessary by the Board to improve the practice of respiratory care home medical equipment to ensure the safety of Ohio residents.
- Keep staff trained and educated on licensing provisions of Ohio law and rule and the internal policies and procedures of the agency. Biennially provide ethics education.
- Develop and create strategic communication and relationships with home medical equipment accrediting organizations to assure consistent understanding of Ohio laws and regulations.
- Establish annual management goals and objectives and regularly review achievement of these measures.
- Work with other state agencies, professional organizations, and health care delivery systems to identify and improve patient care delivered by respiratory therapists and home medical equipment facilities.

Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$547.6 thousand (or a 4.7% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$542.2 thousand (or a 1.0% decrease from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Licensing and renewal functions for over 7,400 respiratory therapists and over 800 home medical equipment facilities.
- Investigation and inspection services. The Board initiates investigation of complaints filed for respiratory care professionals and home medical equipment facilities, utilizing only one investigator for the state. In 2012, the Board completed over 73 investigations concerning respiratory care and home medical equipment services. This activity also

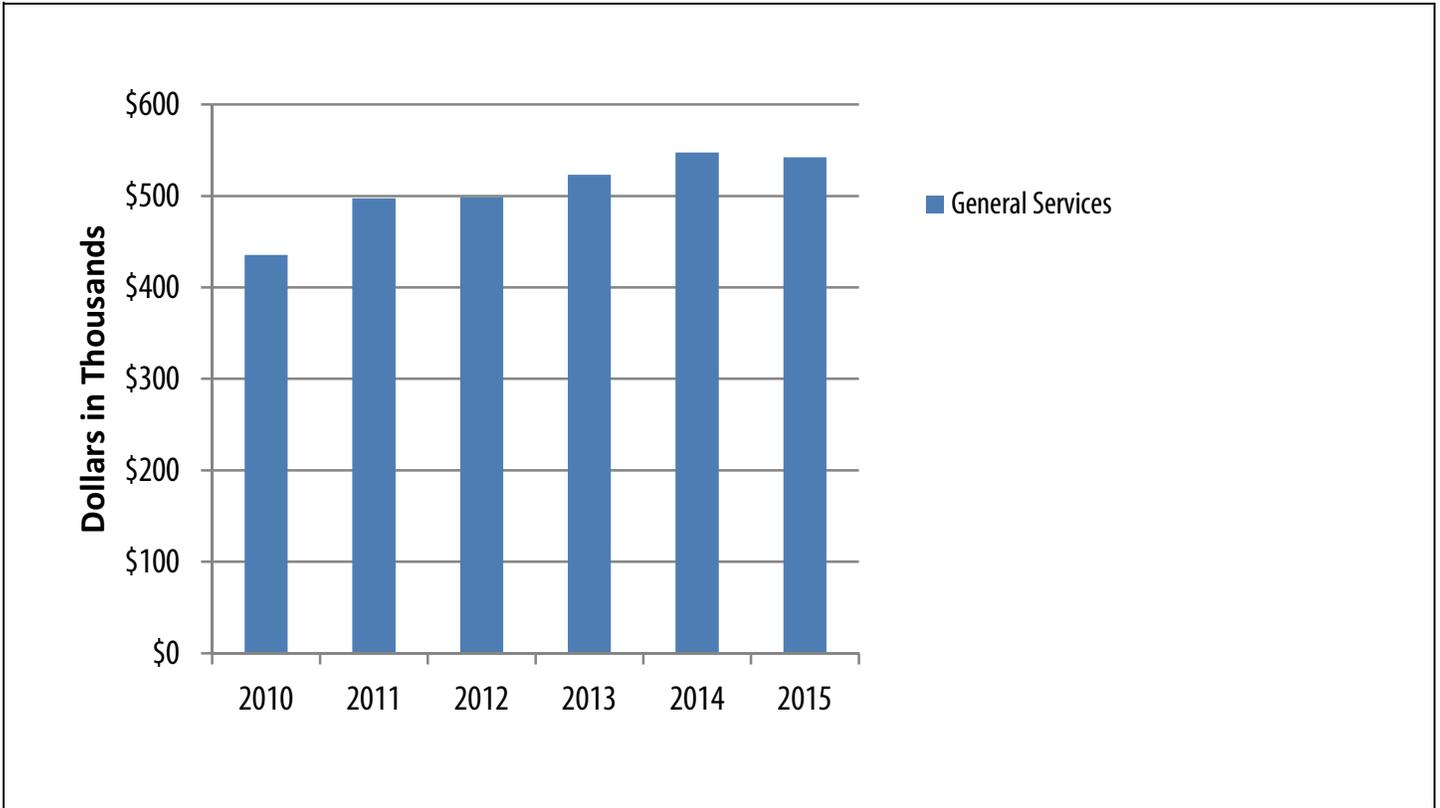
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involves monitoring persons on probation or suspension. This activity protects the citizens of Ohio through assertive regulatory oversight of this profession and the home medical equipment industry.

- Monitoring ongoing continuing education. The Board monitors adherence to continuing education requirements by auditing and reviewing reported educational activities. This process insures that respiratory care professionals and home medical equipment staff are current and up-to-date on education necessary for their competence.
- Communication with licensees and public on regulatory issues and achievements. The Board develops and publishes a number of reports and documents detailing information about licensing requirements and regulatory compliance. In addition, regular newsletters and annual reports are published each year noting the achievements and projects of the agency.

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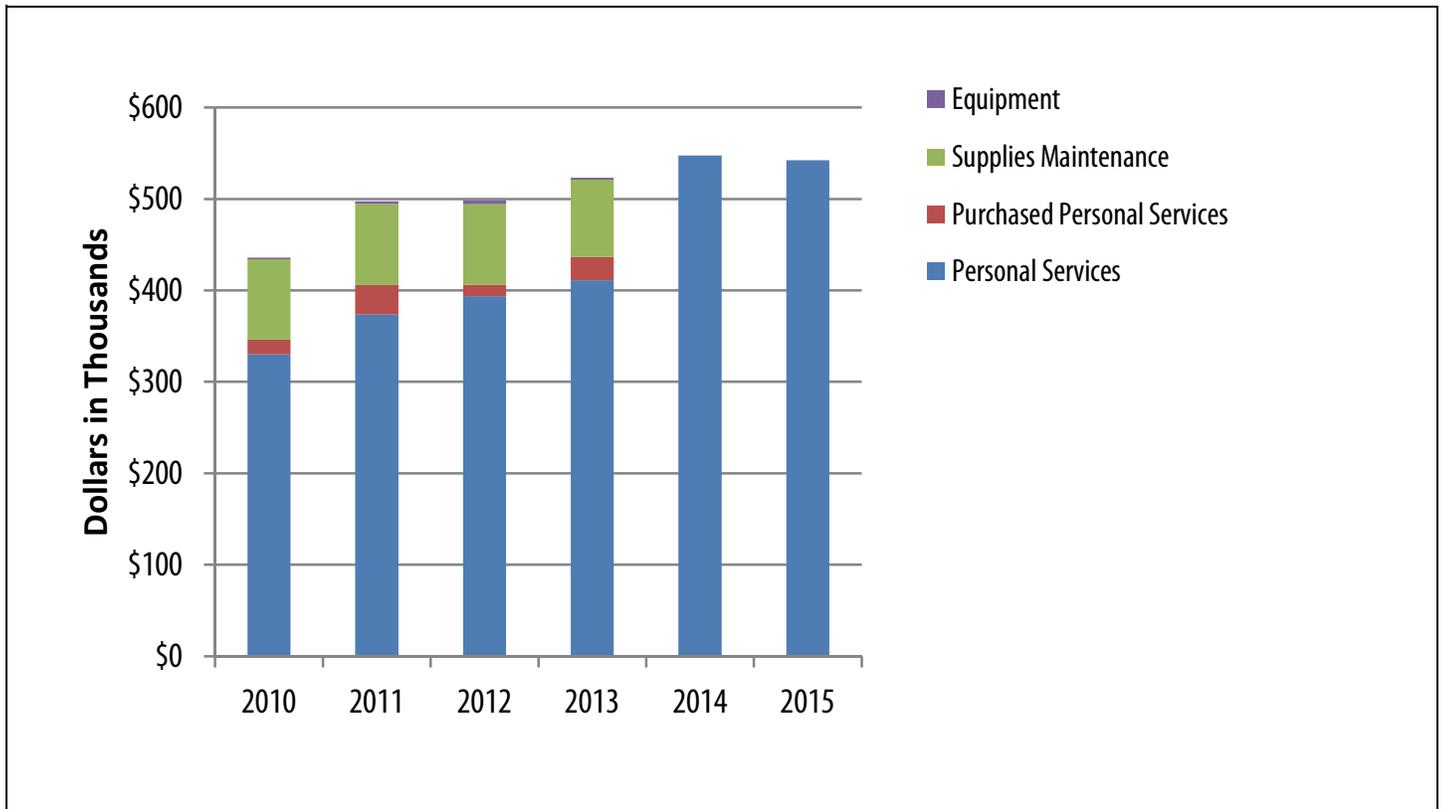
Budget Fund Group Information



(in Thousands) Budget Fund Group	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
General Services	436	497	499	523	4.9%	548	4.7%	542	-1.0%
Total	436	497	499	523	4.9%	548	4.7%	542	-1.0%

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Expense Account Category Information



(in Thousands) Expense Account Category	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
Personal Services	330	374	394	411	4.4%	548	33.2%	542	-1.0%
Purchased Personal Services	16	32	12	26	107.7%	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Supplies & Maintenance	88	89	88	85	-4.1%	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Equipment	2	3	4	2	-54.3%	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total	436	497	499	523	4.9%	548	4.7%	542	-1.0%

Program Series 1: Regulation (162A0)

This program series comprises regulation and licensing activities for the respiratory care profession and home medical equipment facilities. The Respiratory Care Licensing/Renewal/Enforcement Program (162B1) is responsible for the regulation and licensing activities for the respiratory care profession, including the issuance of licenses to qualified provider, license renewal, monitoring of continuing education requirements, records management, developing and filing reports and surveys, and investigating and enforcement of complaints filed with the agency. The Home Medical Equipment Licensing/Renewal/Enforcement Program (162B2) includes the regulation and licensing activities for home medical equipment facilities, including the issuance of licenses to qualified businesses, license renewal, monitoring of continuing education requirements, records management, inspecting licensed facilities, and investigating and enforcement of complaints filed with the agency.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated		Recommended		
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
4K90	872609	Operating Expenses	523,013	547,576	4.7%	542,246	-1.0%
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			FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
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Total General Services			435,647	497,370	498,563	523,013	547,576	4.7%	542,246	-1.0%
Grand Total Respiratory Care Board			435,647	497,370	498,563	523,013	547,576	4.7%	542,246	-1.0%