

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: February 4, 2026
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Presentation on the Licensed Midwifery Fund
STAFF CONTACT: Marina O'Connor, Deputy Director

REQUESTED ACTION

To discuss the state of the Licensed Midwifery Fund Condition.

BACKGROUND

The Medical Board of California (Board) and the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) staff carry out the administrative, cashiering, licensing, and enforcement functions for the Licensed Midwifery Program (Program). The costs for these services are charged to the Medical Board Fund and then paid back directly from the Midwifery Fund. Services provided to the Program by other state agencies are paid directly out of the Licensed Midwifery Fund. All revenue collected from Licensed Midwife application and licensing fees are deposited directly into the Licensed Midwifery Fund.

The Licensed Midwifery fund is structurally imbalanced (expenditures exceed revenues) and requires a fee increase to prevent insolvency. The last increase to the Licensed Midwife application and renewal fees was effective January 1, 2022, and increased the license application fee from \$300 to \$450 and the renewal fee from \$200 to \$300. Following this fee increase, Program expenditures continued to exceed revenues, and the Licensed Midwifery Fund is currently projected to be insolvent by Fiscal Year 2029-2030.

ATTACHMENTS: Licensed Midwifery Fund Analysis of Fund Condition – Fiscal Year 2026-27 Governor’s Budget – Status Quo

Licensed Midwifery Fund Analysis of Fund Condition – Fiscal Year 2026-27 Governor’s Budget – Proposed Fee Increase

0755 - Licensed Midwifery Fund
Analysis of Fund Condition
(Dollars in Thousands)

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2026-27 Governor's Budget		Actuals	CY	BY	BY +1	BY +2	BY +3	BY +4	BY +5	BY +6
Status Quo		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 231	\$ 186	\$ 115	\$ 82	\$ 45	\$ 7	\$ -31	\$ -69	\$ -107
Prior Year Adjustment		\$ -48	\$ -32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adjusted Beginning Balance		\$ 183	\$ 154	\$ 115	\$ 82	\$ 45	\$ 7	\$ -31	\$ -69	\$ -107
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS										
Revenues										
Delinquent fees		\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1
Renewal fees		\$ 70	\$ 66	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72
Other regulatory fees		\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other regulatory licenses & permits		\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19
Income from surplus money investments		\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals, Revenues		\$ 98	\$ 89	\$ 97	\$ 93	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 92
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		\$ 98	\$ 89	\$ 97	\$ 93	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 92
TOTAL RESOURCES		\$ 281	\$ 243	\$ 212	\$ 175	\$ 137	\$ 99	\$ 61	\$ 23	\$ -15
Expenditures:										
1111 DCA (State Ops)		\$ 88	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120
9900 Statewide Gen Admin Exp (Pro Rata) (State Ops)		\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS		\$ 95	\$ 128	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 130
FUND BALANCE										
Reserve for economic uncertainties		\$ 186	\$ 115	\$ 82	\$ 45	\$ 7	\$ -31	\$ -69	\$ -107	\$ -145
Months in Reserve		17.4	10.6	7.6	4.2	0.6	-2.9	-6.4	-9.9	-13.4

NOTES:

1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in CY and ongoing.
2. Includes prior year actuals.
3. Expenditures static.
4. Includes projected prior year adjustment in 2025-26.

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2026-27 Governor's Budget

Initial and Renewal Fees @ \$1,260 (effective 1/1/2028)

Initial and Renewal Fees @ \$1,570 (effective 1/1/2030)

	Actuals 2024-25	CY 2025-26	BY 2026-27	BY +1 2027-28	BY +2 2028-29	BY +3 2029-30	BY +4 2030-31	BY +5 2031-32	BY +6 2032-33
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 231	\$ 186	\$ 115	\$ 82	\$ 158	\$ 81	\$ 43	\$ 44	\$ 45
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ -48	\$ -32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$ 183	\$ 154	\$ 115	\$ 82	\$ 158	\$ 81	\$ 43	\$ 44	\$ 45
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS									
Revenues									
Delinquent fees	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1
Renewal fees	\$ 70	\$ 66	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72
Renewal fees increase (effective 1/1/2028 & 1/1/2030)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ 208	\$ 242	\$ 277	\$ 277	\$ 277
Other regulatory fees	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other regulatory licenses & permits	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 19
Other regulatory licenses & permits increase (effective 1/1/2028 & 1/1/2030)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 18	\$ 22	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27
Income from surplus money investments	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1
Totals, Revenues	\$ 98	\$ 89	\$ 97	\$ 206	\$ 318	\$ 357	\$ 396	\$ 396	\$ 396
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 98	\$ 89	\$ 97	\$ 206	\$ 318	\$ 357	\$ 396	\$ 396	\$ 396
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 281	\$ 243	\$ 212	\$ 288	\$ 476	\$ 438	\$ 439	\$ 440	\$ 441
Expenditures:									
1111 DCA (State Ops)	\$ 88	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120
Estimated Increase Shared Services to MBC (effective 7/1/2028)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
9900 Statewide Gen Admin Exp (Pro Rata) (State Ops)	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 95	\$ 128	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 395	\$ 395	\$ 395	\$ 395	\$ 395
FUND BALANCE									
Reserve for economic uncertainties	\$ 186	\$ 115	\$ 82	\$ 158	\$ 81	\$ 43	\$ 44	\$ 45	\$ 46
Months in Reserve	17.4	10.6	7.6	4.8	2.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4

NOTES:

1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in CY and ongoing.
2. Includes prior year actuals.
3. Expenditures static, plus estimated 2028-29 (Shared Services Increase).
4. Includes projected prior year adjustment in 2025-26.