

Prescription Drug Affordability Board

D77A01.01 Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Program Description

The Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) was established as an independent unit of State government in July, 2019 with the enactment of House Bill 768. The PDAB has a five-member Board appointed by the General Assembly and the Governor. The Board members possess expertise in the fields of either health care economics or clinical medicine. The Board is tasked with protecting Marylanders and the Maryland health care system from the high costs of prescription drug products. The Board must make specified determinations, collect data, and identify specified prescription drug products that may cause affordability issues; may conduct a cost review of each identified drug product; and, if warranted, must draft a plan of action that includes the criteria to set upper payment limits for prescription drug products. During FY21 and FY22 the Maryland Health Care Commission provided funding for initial activities of the Board. FY23 represents the first independent budget for PDAB. The Board is supported entirely through a Special Fund, based on fee assessments to health insurance carriers, pharmacy benefit managers, prescription drug manufacturers, and wholesale distributors.

Appropriation Statement		2022 Actual	2023 Appropriation	2024 Allowance
Number of Authorized Positions		0.00	5.00	5.00
01	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	0	692,285	750,842
03	Communications	0	5,500	6,010
04	Travel	0	8,165	7,411
06	Fuel and Utilities	0	3,196	2,700
08	Contractual Services	0	674,861	601,563
09	Supplies and Materials	0	1,567	1,570
10	Equipment - Replacement	0	500	500
13	Fixed Charges	0	54,960	56,140
Total Operating Expenses		0	748,749	675,894
Total Expenditure		0	1,441,034	1,426,736
Special Fund Expenditure		0	1,441,034	1,426,736
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D77301	Prescription Drug Affordability Board Fund	0	1,441,034	1,426,736

3 Year Position Summary

Classification Title	FY 2022 Positions	FY 2022 Expenditures	FY 2023 Positions	FY 2023 Appropriation	FY 2024 Positions	FY 2024 Allowance
D77 - Prescription Drug Affordability Board						
D77A0101 - Prescription Drug Affordability Board						
Admin Spec III	0.00	0	1.00	51,893	1.00	51,335
Exec VIII	0.00	0	1.00	135,252	1.00	141,338
Hlth Policy Analyst Advanced	0.00	0	2.00	137,119	2.00	164,106
Principal Counsel	0.00	0	1.00	148,562	1.00	155,248
Total D77A0101	0.00	0	5.00	472,826	5.00	512,027