



Ohio State Dental Board
77 S. High Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6135

(614) 466-2580 Tel
(614) 752-8995 Fax
Dental.Ohio.Gov

John Kasich, Governor Constance Clark, RDH, President Harry Kamdar, MBA, Exec. Director

FISCAL YEARS 2018/2019 BUDGET

TESTIMONY OF HARRY KAMDAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD

BEFORE THE

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE - HOUSE FINANCE

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Chairman Romanchuk, Ranking Member Sykes and distinguished members of the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, my name is Harry Kamdar and I am the Executive Director of the Ohio State Dental Board. It is an honor and privilege to be in front of you to present the Dental Board's budget for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Dental Board's vision is "Healthy Ohioans through excellence in dentistry" and this budget will help support this vision. Below is a brief explanation on the Dental Board's sources of revenues and expenditures.

A. Revenues

The Dental Board's budget is supported by only one source of revenue and that is from fees paid by those seeking licenses, certificates, and registrations. Payments are made on a biennial basis for license renewals spanning the biennium. Dentists and Hygienists make up the upper-tier of dental teams and they renew in even-numbered fiscal years. Dental Assistant Radiographers and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDA) renew in odd-numbered fiscal years. Due to the large

difference in the fees for each type of license, revenues in even-numbered fiscal years are significantly higher than in odd-numbered fiscal years. This results in a budget surplus in even-numbered fiscal years and a budget deficit in odd-numbered fiscal years. However, in aggregate over the biennium, the surplus cancels out the deficit.

The fees collected also include pass-through funds which are collected by the Dental Board and then transferred to the Ohio Department of Health, which administers both the Dental Loan Repayment Program and Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program.

B. Expenditures

This budget will help support expenditures for the following three service lines:

(1) Licensing service line – services are rendered through the state’s new eLicensing system. The Board went “live” with the new system in August 2016. Between October 1, 2016 and January 31, 2017, over 14,000 registrants and certificate holders successfully renewed their registrations and certificates through the state’s new eLicensing system.

(2) Education service line – services rendered fall into the following three categories:

(a) **Initial education** – The Board verifies initial education through the initial application process. All applicants must provide proof that they satisfied the education requirement(s) set forth in rule or statute. The Board relies on universities, residency programs and other education providers to provide appropriate training and education to all applicants.

(b) **Continuing education** – Dentists, dental hygienists and dental x-ray machine operators (“radiographers”) are required to complete continuing education prior to renewing their licenses and registrations. The Board believes that continuing education is

essential to ensure that all members of the dental team remain current in the ever changing field of dentistry and to provide the highest quality care to the public.

(c) **Remedial education** – Through a combined effort of the Board’s Education Committee and the Law and Rules Review Committee, recently defined remedial education as a prescribed educational intervention that is designed to restore an identified practice deficiency of a licensee to conformity with the accepted standards of the profession. Remediation includes, but is not limited to, successful demonstration by the licensee that the learned knowledge and skills have been incorporated into the licensee's practice.

(3) **Enforcement service line** – services include conducting investigations of dental professionals that have allegedly violated the Dental Practice Act or the promulgated rules of the Dental Board, including Ohio’s Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) requirements. As part of the investigative process, the Board utilizes licensed dentist experts who provide an independent review and recommendation. Once the investigation is complete, if formal disciplinary action is taken, the Board utilizes the services of hearing officers to deliberate over administrative disciplinary hearings. The Board has created an early-intervention remedial education program which works confidentially with education providers and licensees to correct any practice deficiencies which were identified in the course of the investigatory process.

2. KEY PRIORITIES

This budget will help support key priorities identified through the Dental Board’s inaugural strategic planning process. Some of these priorities are summarized below:

- Elevating prescriber awareness of the opioid epidemic and facilitating continuing educational opportunities through the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team (GCOAT) and other healthcare partners to help reduce overprescribing of controlled substances.
- Developing an online solution for license applications and renewals
- Developing an online solution for continuing education tracking, monitoring and auditing
- Establishing new disciplinary guidelines for non-compliant licensees

There will be additional priorities identified at the upcoming strategic planning session in June, 2017.

3. MAJOR BUDGETARY IMPACT ITEMS

A. Fee increase

The Dental Board has experienced a surplus for many years but is anticipated to have a budget deficit in FY 18/19. This is mostly due to the increase in cost of doing business over the last 16 years consisting of cost of living pay increases for staff and increase in back-office charges to central service agencies. The Board is working diligently to promote efficiency and effectiveness to cut costs and maximize services.

According to the inflationary index, we have experienced to date an approximately 36% increase in inflation since 2001 when fees were last raised for supporting the Dental Board. If extrapolated to FY 18/19, this increase in inflation since 2001 would be approximately 40%. In order to have a structurally balanced budget for the upcoming biennium, this proposal includes a 27% increase in fees for dentists and 25% increase in fees for all other dental professionals. The Dental Board has worked closely with stakeholders on this sensitive subject of fee increases and is pleased to report that it has received support from the Ohio Dental Association (ODA) and the Ohio Dental

Hygienists' Association (ODHA). Please refer to letters of support from these important stakeholders that are attached to this document.

The amount of fee increases by major license type is as follows:

Type	2 year application fee		2 year renewal fee	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Dentists	\$357	\$454	\$245	\$312
Dental Hygienists	\$147	\$184	\$115	\$144
Radiographers	\$25	\$32	\$25	\$32
EFDA's	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$25

B. Dental Loan Repayment Program increase

Currently, the Board collects \$40 for each initial application and \$20 for each renewal application. Included in this budget is a proposed increase of another \$20 tied to every renewal. Therefore, the new amount charged to dentists will be \$40 for every renewal. This was supposedly the intent in H.B. 463 of the 130th General Assembly. As such, this increase in \$20 per renewal is essentially a corrective action. In aggregate, this amounts to roughly \$280,000 that is collected and then transferred to the Ohio Department of Health.

4. CONCLUSION

In closing, Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services sub-committee, the Dental Board is fully committed to excellence in customer service and the utmost professionalism in responding to the needs of the public we serve and the professionals we regulate.

Attachments: Letter from *Ohio Dental Association*
 Letter from *Ohio Dental Hygienists Association*



OHIO DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Informing – Representing – Serving

February 21, 2017

Harry Kamdar, MBA
Executive Director
Ohio State Dental Board
77 South High Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Director Kamdar:

Thank you for meeting with the ODA Executive Committee on November 16, 2016 to discuss the Ohio State Dental Board's proposals for dental license fee increases.

We understand that dental license fees have not increased in several years and that fixed costs and the cost of technology continue to rise. Accordingly, the ODA Executive Committee voted to support the fee increases that are now included in the introduced version of House Bill 49, the state's biennial budget.

We appreciate the important function that the Ohio State Dental Board and its staff perform in protecting Ohio's dental patients and regulating the practice of dentistry, and we understand the need for sufficient resources to carry out that function. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to discuss the license fee increase proposal prior to the introduction of House Bill 49.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David J. Owsiany".

David J. Owsiany, JD
Executive Director



January 26, 2017

Mr. Harry Kamdar, MBA
Executive Director, Ohio State Dental Board
77 South High Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Ms. Constance F. Clark, RDH
President, Ohio State Dental Board
77 South High Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Director Kamdar and President Clark:

The Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA) would like to thank you and the Ohio State Dental Board (OSDB) for considering the input of our members for the proposed licensure and registration fee increases you and your staff shared with our association's leadership. Our association is in support of the presented proposed fee increase the OSDB is intending to seek in the upcoming biennial budget for the state fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

On behalf of our leadership, we look forward to further collaboration as we continue to move the dental profession forward.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Bielecki, R.D.H., B.S.
President, Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association