



## Health Profession Licensing & Regulation December 2016

The Health Professions Account, established in RCW 43.70.320, supports the work of licensing and regulating all health practitioners in Washington helping to ensure patient safety. The Secretary of Health in partnership with five commissions and 12 boards carry out the regulation of health practitioners. Each health profession's practitioners pay initial and renewal licensing fees to support the regulation of each profession.

### Services

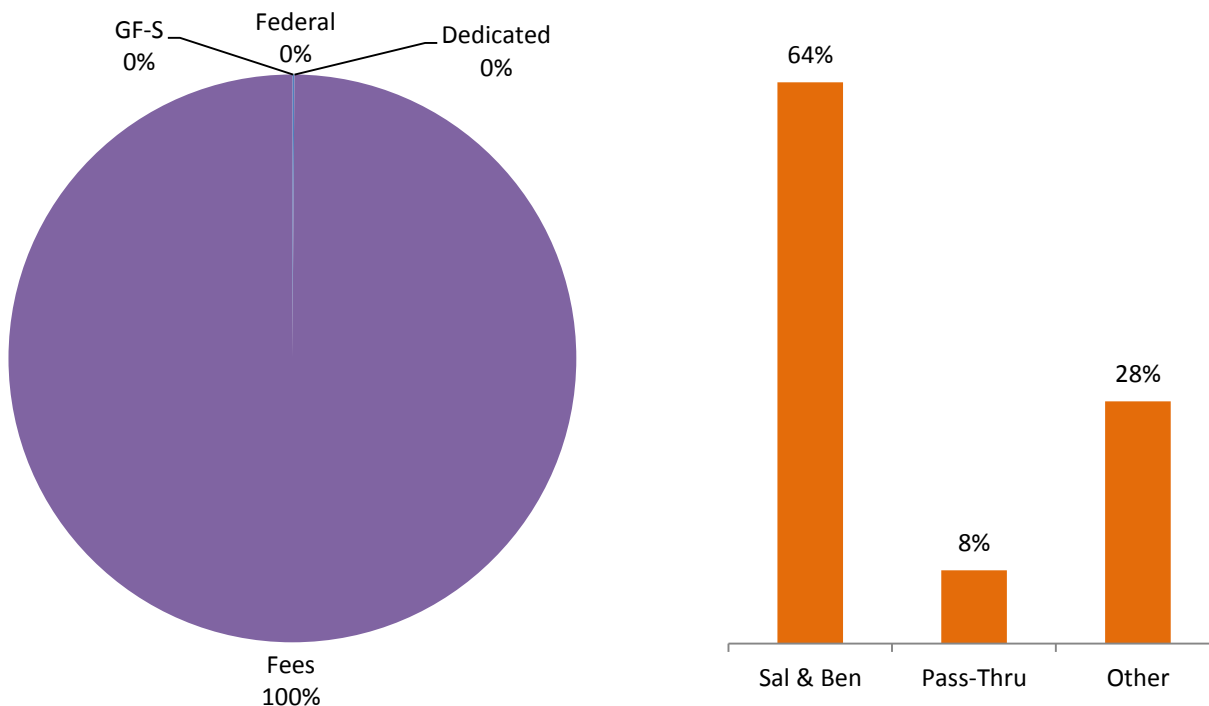
- Regulating more than 430,000 credentialed practitioners in 86 professions.
- Each year, the Department of Health:
  - Reviews more than 70,000 licensure applications; issues and renews licenses.
  - Supports 100 board and commission meetings.
  - Receives more than 20,000 public disclosure requests.
  - Receives nearly 10,000 complaints from the public.
  - Investigates more than 4,000 complaints about health practitioners.
  - Issues more than 1,000 legal orders.
  - Updates more than 50 rules, with more than 100 in process.
  - Analyzes 200 to 230 pieces of proposed legislation.
  - Prepares more than 100 fiscal notes.

### Stakeholders

- Interest groups:
  - Washington State Medical Association
  - Washington State Nurses Association
  - Washington State Chiropractic Association
  - Washington State Dental Association
  - Washington State Pharmacy Association
  - Washington Osteopathic Medical Association
  - Physical Therapy Association of Washington
  - Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association
  - Washington State Psychological Association
  - Optometric Physicians of Washington
  - Washington Denturist Association
  - Washington Speech Language Hearing Association
  - Washington State Massage Association
  - Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians
  - Washington Occupational Therapy Association
  - Washington State Podiatric Physicians
  - Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
  - University of Washington
  - Comprehensive list of [Washington Assoc. & Org. by Subject - WA Secretary of State](#)
- Other state agencies: Department of Social and Health Services, Health Care Authority, and Washington State Patrol.

**2015-17 Biennium**

**Health Profession Licensing & Regulation Fiscal Information**



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees*	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	119,000	0	0	105,223,000	105,342,000	67,435,000	8,804,000	29,103,000

\*Does not include the proviso for the Cannabis Patient Protection Act (CPPA)

**Recent Funding History**

- 2009-11 biennial budget
  - \$65,953,000 - \$65,025,000 operating, \$830,000 proviso & \$98,000 GF-S
- 2011-13 biennial budget:
  - \$78,510,000 - \$75,554,000 operating, \$2,865,000 proviso & \$91,000 GF-S
    - (\$2,120,000) Reduction 3% pay cut for state employees & COLA Suspension
- 2013-15 biennial budget:
  - \$92,482,000 - \$89,321,000 operating, \$3,045,000 proviso & \$116,000 GF-S
- 2015-17 biennial budget:
  - \$105,342,000 - \$104,916,000 operating, \$307,000 proviso & \$119,000 GF-S
    - Not included above - \$4,015,000 proviso added to implement 2SSB 5052 Cannabis Patient Protection Act.