

**FEBRUARY 2024**



**Respiratory Care Practitioner  
Fiscal Year in Review 2024**

**At A Glance**

Fund Balance: \$380,000

- Increased \$2,000

Revenue: \$260,000

- Applications: 462 (-26%)
- Renewals: 1,672 (-6%)

Expenditures: \$258,000

**Significant Highlights**

- Overall, costs decreased 26%, primarily due to an office redistribution of program staff, a decline in HELMS obligations, and one-time funding to support credentialing backlogs.
- Disciplinary costs increased due to heightened legal activity.

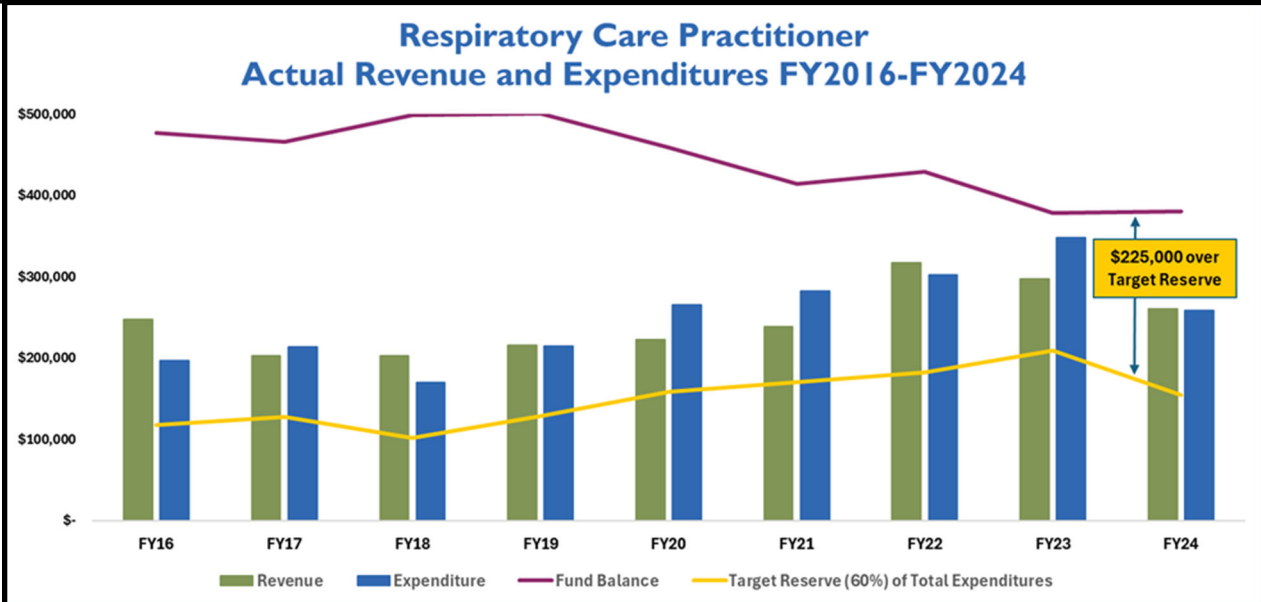
**Revenue**

	FY2023	FY2024	Variance	Percent Change
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 298,000</b>	<b>\$ 260,000</b>	<b>\$ (38,000)</b>	<b>(13%)</b>

**Expenditures Spending By Category**

Cost Category	FY2023	FY2024	Variance	Percent Change
Operations	\$ 93,000	\$ 63,000	\$ (30,000)	(32%)
Licensing	\$ 90,000	\$ 74,000	\$ (16,000)	(18%)
Disciplinary	\$ 43,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 10,000	23%
Indirect	\$ 54,000	\$ 45,000	\$ (9,000)	(17%)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 280,000</b>	<b>\$ 235,000</b>	<b>\$ (45,000)</b>	<b>(16%)</b>
HELMS Assessment	\$ 67,000	\$ 23,000	\$ (44,000)	(66%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 347,000</b>	<b>\$ 258,000</b>	<b>\$ (89,000)</b>	<b>(26%)</b>

# Last Fee Change: Fee Decrease January 1, 2016



### Revenue Projections

- Annual application growth: <1%
- Annual average renewal rate: 87%

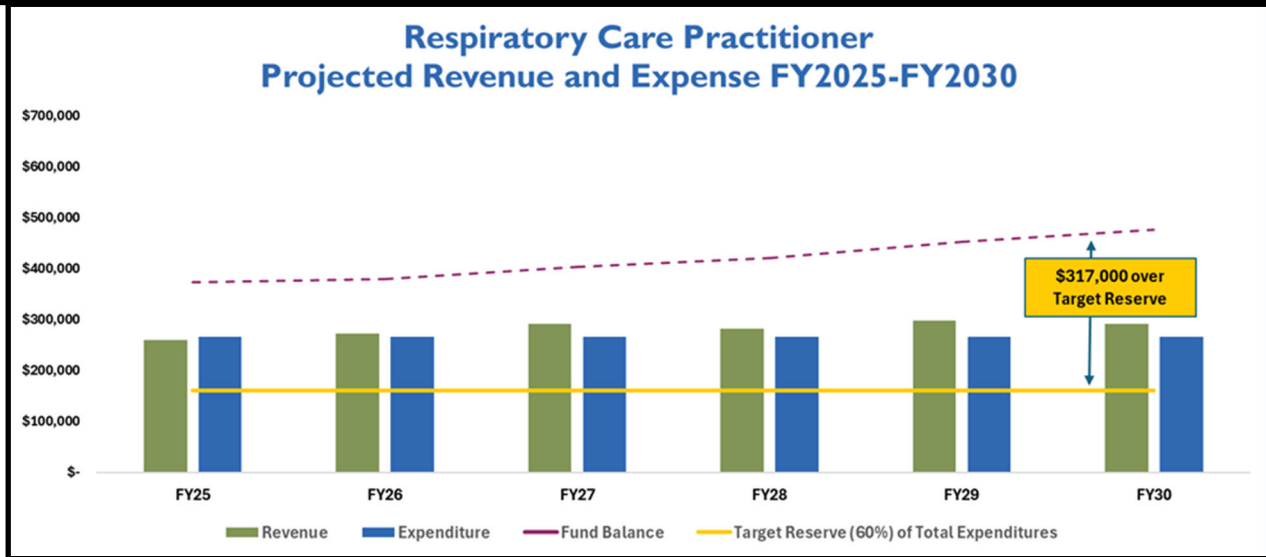
### Cost Projections

- Average annual cost: \$266,000
- Expense growth rate FY2025: -4%
- Subsequent growth: 1% annually, driven by inflation, personnel-related expenses, and disciplinary costs

### Fee Activity Projections

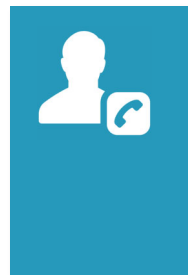
- The department reduced fees in FY2016 to lower the surplus to the target reserve of 60%.
- The fund's surplus is projected to continue increasing over target fund levels, leading to a possible fee decrease in 1-2 years.

## Fee Strategy: Possible Fee Decrease in 1-2 Years



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