# Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund

**Legal Title**
Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund

**Legal Citation/Authority**
Chapter 437, Statutes of 2003 (AB 938)
Health and Safety Code section 128458

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**Purpose**
Chapter 437, Statutes of 2003, created the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program (program) to be funded by a $10 surcharge on specified mental health professionals’ licensing fees at the time of renewal. Commencing January 1, 2005, any licensed mental health service provider who provides direct patient care in a publicly funded facility or a mental health professional shortage area may apply for grants under the program to reimburse his or her educational loans related to a career as a licensed mental health service provider.

The Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund was created as a depository for the additional $10 assessment fee imposed on specified mental health professionals for the purpose of supporting the program.

**Administering Agency/Organization Code**
Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development/Org 4140

**Major Revenue Source**
$10 surcharge on mental health professionals’ licensing fees.

**Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**
Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

**Appropriation Authority**
The money in this fund is available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

**State Appropriations Limit**
Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues have a logical, direct relationship with the use or purposes for which they are used.

**Comments/Historical Information**