**Legal Title**  
Medically Underserved Account for Physicians, Health Professions Education Fund

**Legal Citation/Authority**  
Chapter 317, Statutes of 2005  (AB 920) Health and Safety Code section 128555

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**Purpose**  
The Medically Underserved Account for Physicians (account) was established within the Health Professions Education Fund to provide funding for the ongoing operations of the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (program). This account may also be used to provide funding for the Physician Volunteer Program (commencing with Section 128550).

Money in the account will be used to repay loans as follows per agreements made with physicians:

1. Money paid out for loan repayment may have a funding match from foundations or other private sources.
2. Loan repayments may not exceed one hundred five thousand dollars ($105,000) per individual licensed physician.
3. Loan repayments may not exceed the amount of the educational loans incurred by the physician participant.

This account will also be used to pay for the cost of administering the program up to 5 percent of the total state appropriation for the program and will be subject to review and approval annually through the state budget process. This limitation only applies to the state appropriation for the program.

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

**Major Revenue Source**

- Transfer of all money in the Medically Underserved Account, Contingent Fund of the Medical Board of California on July 1, 2006.
- The board shall transfer all funds collected pursuant to the Business and Professions Code section 2436.5, on a monthly basis, to the Medically Underserved Account for Physicians.

**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**
Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, funds placed in the account for purposes of this article, are continuously appropriated for the repayment of loans.

Chapter 607, Statutes of 2008 created a budget act authorization from this fund in addition to the continuously appropriation.

**State Appropriations Limit**
**Always Excluded** – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from a Trust and Agency Fund.

**Comments/Historical Information**