

annually designates the chairperson and vice-chairperson. The Authority, with the Governor's approval, appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 43C).

**HEALTH CLAIMS ARBITRATION OFFICE**

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**BUDGET (CODE 23.01.05.07)**

Funds	FY1992 (actual)	FY1993 (actual)	FY1994 (approp.)
General	\$1,052,793	\$1,001,044	\$875,766
Total Funds	\$1,052,793	\$1,001,044	\$875,766

**Staff**

Authorized	15	14	15
Contractual (FTE)	2	3	
Total Staff	17	17	

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

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The Health Claims Arbitration Office was established in 1976 (Chapter 235, Acts of 1976). For any person asserting a medical injury claim against a health care provider for damages in excess of \$10,000, the claim must be filed with the Office.

Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, the Director notifies all affected parties and supplies a list of qualified arbitrators, six from each of three categories. From each of these categories, one mutually agreed upon arbitrator is chosen to sit on a three-person arbitration panel. That panel must determine who is liable with respect to the claim and, if a health care provider is liable, must consider and assess damages. The decision of the arbitration panel is final, unless rejected by any party, in which case the rejecting party must file an appeal with the Circuit Court to reverse or modify the award.

The Director is responsible for preparing three lists of qualified persons willing to serve as arbitrators of health care malpractice claims. One list consists of attorneys, one of health care providers, and one of persons from the general public who are neither attorneys, health care providers, nor in the employ of insurance interests (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, sec. 3-2A-03).

**TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

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*Appointed by Senate President:* Michael J. Collins; Paula C. Hollinger.

*Appointed by House Speaker:* Leonard H. Teitelbaum; David M. Valderrama.

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The Task Force to Study Health Professional-Client Sexual Exploitation was formed in 1993 (Chapter 299, Acts of 1993). The twenty-three member Task Force is to devise a strategy for preventing sexual exploitation of clients by health professionals (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 18-304).

By January 1, 1996, the Task Force will report to the Governor and General Assembly.

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**BUDGET (CODE 36.09.00)**

Funds	FY1992 (actual)	FY1993 (actual)	FY1994 (approp.)
General	\$51,848,848	\$167,941,422	\$170,380,898
Special	\$ 348,493	\$ 1,401,535	\$ 1,551,500
Federal	\$ 2,236,703	\$ 2,849,372	\$ 2,864,081
Total Funds	\$54,434,045	\$172,192,329	\$174,796,479

**Staff**

Authorized	59.50	68.50	68.5
Contractual (FTE)	1.40	1.15	
Total Staff	60.90	69.65	

**MANDATED REPORTS**

*Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly on Performance Accountability Plans.*