

Board of Medical Examiners, Use of Maintenance Appropriation.

The expenses incident to sending a member of the board of medical examiners to a council on medical education, of interest and benefit to the board in the performance of its work under the law, may be allowed and approved as a claim against the state, payable from the maintenance fund of the board of medical examiners, if first authorized by the state board of examiners.

Helena, Montana, March 11, 1909.

Doctor W. C. Riddell, Secretary, State Board of Medical Examiners, Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 6th inst., asking for opinion of this office as to whether the expenses incident to a trip to Chicago on the part of a member of the Board of Medical Examiners, to attend the meeting of the council of Medical Education of the American Medical Association, would be proper charge against the medical board maintenance fund.

You state that the object of this meeting is to enable persons interested in medical education, teachers in medical schools and members of state examining boards to discuss the preliminary requirements for entrance to medical schools, the necessary curricula, the best methods of conducting state board examinations, and the best means of bringing about reciprocity in medical licenses between the different states.

From the facts stated it would appear that a trip of this kind by a member of your board would be of benefit and advantage to the State of Montana in the proper performance of the work devolving upon your department. In order to comply with the law, I would suggest that your board designate the member to attend such council; and, thereupon, immediately apply in writing to the State Board of Examiners for a sanction of the expense incident to such representation at the council. If the Board of Examiners authorizes the expenditure from your maintenance account for the purpose indicated, there will be no difficulty in securing payment of the claim for such expenses when presented against the state.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT J. GALEN,
Attorney General.