Current University of Minnesota Operations and Maintenance Riders

Medical School Development ($15M annually)

1. Increase the medical school's research capacity;
2. Improve the medical school's ranking in National Institutes of Health funding;
3. Ensure the medical school's national prominence by attracting and retaining world-class faculty, staff, and students;
4. Invest in physician training programs in rural and underserved communities;
5. Translate the medical school's research discoveries into new treatments and cures to improve the health of Minnesotans

Health Training Restoration ($7.8M annually)

Must be used to support all of the following:

1. Faculty physicians who teach at eight residency program sites, including medical resident and student training programs in the Department of Family Medicine;
2. The Mobile Dental Clinic; and
3. Expansion of geriatric education and family programs.

MnDrive ($4M annually)

For the Minnesota Discovery, Research, and InnoVation Economy funding program for cancer care research.

UMN & CentraCare ($10M one-time in FY24, available until June 30, 2027)

May be used for tuition support, a residency program, a rural health research program, a program to target scholarships to students from diverse backgrounds, and a scholarship program targeted at students who will practice in rural areas.

Current Special Appropriations

Health Sciences ($9.204M annually)

To support up to 12 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital family practice residency program. The program must prepare doctors to practice primary care medicine in rural areas of the state. The legislature intends this program to improve health care in rural communities, provide affordable access to appropriate medical care, and manage the treatment of patients in a more cost-effective manner. The remainder of this appropriation is for the rural physicians associates program; the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory; health sciences research; dental care; the Biomedical Engineering Center; and the collaborative partnership between the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative medicine, research, clinical translation, and commercialization.
System Special ($9.181M annually)

For general research, the Labor Education Service, Natural Resources Research Institute, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell Museum of Natural History, and the Humphrey exhibit.

* $4 million is an annual rider for the Natural Resources Research Institute.

University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation Partnership ($7.991M annually)

For collaborative research partnership between the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Foundation for research in biotechnology and medical genomics and competitive grants for Alzheimer’s research.

Historical Notes

Academic Health Center (1999 Regular Legislative Session)

1. The University of Minnesota academic health center, after consultation with the health care community and medical education and research costs advisory committee, shall report by January 15, 2000, to the higher education finance committees on the strategic direction of its health professional programs. The plans shall include a programmatic and financial model for health professional education that will meet the state’s future workforce needs, maintain the integrity of the education process, provide an appropriate level of ongoing financial support, and provide a framework for the health community and academic health center to work together in meeting the health needs of the state. The academic health center is requested to provide the report also to the commissioner of health and the legislative commission on health care access.

Revenue from Tobacco Settlement Designated (2007 Regular Legislative Session - $22.25M annually)

1. The appropriation for the Academic Health center funding under Minnesota Statutes, section 297F.10 is estimated to be $22,250,000 each year. Revenue received from cigarette taxes, as well as related penalties, interest, license fees, and miscellaneous sources of revenue shall be deposited by the commissioner of treasury and credited as follows: (1) $22,250,000 each year must be credited to the Academic Health Center special revenue fund hereby created and is annually appropriated to the Board of Regents at the University of Minnesota for Academic Health Center funding at the University of Minnesota.

Blue Ribbon Committee on University of Minnesota Medical School (2015 Regular Legislative Session)

1. Operations and Maintenance appropriation includes $15,000,000 for the University of Minnesota Medical School Blue Ribbon Committee.

* This rider language last appeared in the Higher Education bill in 2019 regular legislative session, appropriated for the 2020-2021 biennium.