



# Oklahoma State Association of Health Underwriters (OSAHU)

## Policy & Procedures

**Policy Title:** Legislative Defense Fund  
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**Purpose (P&P):** To establish appropriate funding levels, guidelines for expenditures and financial accounting responsibilities. This replaces the previous P&P entitled "Use of State Legislative Defense Account Funds" dated November 12, 2003.

- I. Function of Legislative Defense Fund: to provide an emergency or "Rainy Day" type account for the intent of providing funds for an "Urgent and Recognized Need" such as, but not limited to; combating any unforeseen political, legislative or regulatory threat to the private free-market based healthcare financing system. It is further intended that monies expended from OSAHU Legislative Defense Fund would be matched by funds from the NAHU Legislative Defense Fund.
  - A. Examples of Urgent and Recognized Needs:
    - a. Single-payer initiatives or studies
    - b. "Connector" type proposals
    - c. Universal coverage proposals
    - d. Any proposed legislation, regulation or study that seeks to remove or study moving responsibilities for healthcare coverage or financing from private market to public based systems.
    - e. Any measure that would negatively impact costs to the consumer or remove the independent agent from the healthcare financing system.
  - B. Examples of qualifying expenses:
    - a. Lobbyist or other expert consultants
    - b. Media ads, Public Relations costs, Publicist Expenses
    - c. Events (legislative receptions, public meetings)
    - d. Contributions to qualifying entities

- e. Travel related to LDF current issues
- C. Routine Legislative related expenses should be paid according approved budget line item for Legislative expenses and from the LDF.

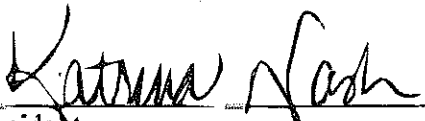
II. Appropriate Funding Levels:

- A. The **OSAHU Treasurer** shall establish a paper-only LDF account.
- B. The annual budget line item for the LDF shall be funded at a level determined by the OSAHU **Board of Directors**.
- C. Unless otherwise determined, this balance level shall be maintained by replenishing expended funds monthly.

III. The **Legislative Committee** shall recommend an LDF Budget to the **Board of Directors** annually.

IV. The **Treasurer** is responsible for executing all transactions.

- A. All expenditures are subject to **Board of Directors** approval.
- B. Recommendations for expenditures should come from the **Legislative Committee** via the **Legislative Chair**.

  
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