

HEALTH FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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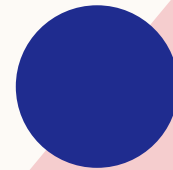
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INTRODUCTION

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AGENCY INFORMATION

- The Tobacco DAG, housed in the Delaware Department of Justice, enforces and litigates all aspects of the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) and the 2018 Non-Participating Manufacturers Settlement Agreement (NPMSA).
- The position is mandated by statute and is required for payment of MSA funds (16 Del. C. § 137 and 29 Del. C. chs. 60(C)-(D)).
- The Tobacco DAG also coordinates with other divisions in the DOJ and state law enforcement on retail enforcement and related matters, as well as participates in multistate efforts that focus on tobacco enforcement, anti-smoking legislation and other state and federal initiatives.



ESTIMATED MSA PAYMENT FOR FY2026:

**APPROXIMATELY
\$21.2 MILLION**

Examples of uncertainties in this estimate:

- **Volume of cigarettes actually sold**
- **Rate of inflation**
- **Elimination of menthol from the market**
- **Continued growth of vape/e-cigarette market**

FUNDING REQUEST FY2025

- Total Salaries (DAG and Paralegal): \$180,000
- OECs: \$84,778
- Annual Out of State Litigation and Meeting Expenses: \$10,000
- **TOTAL = \$274,778**

All figures are estimates.



THANK YOU

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