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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: March 29, 2019

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – OCI

Pursuant to s. 655.27(3)(bt), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the (agency), received on (date).

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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✓ The Honorable Alberta Darling
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The Honorable John Nygren
The State Assembly
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Finance
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Re: Report of the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund Annual
Fund Fee and Medical Mediation Panel Fee Changes for Fiscal Year 2020
Beginning July 1, 2019

Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Please allow this letter to serve as the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (Office) report to the Joint Committee on Finance regarding the Office's request for a change in the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund (Fund) annual fund fees and medical mediation panel (Panel) fees in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 655.27 (3) (bt).

The Fund was established by and is operated under Wis. Stat. Ch. 655. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 655.27 (3) (b), the Commissioner, after approval by the Fund Board of Governors, shall set the Fund fees annually and by Wis. Stat. § 655.61, shall set the Panel fees at a level sufficient to provide the necessary revenue to fund the medical mediation panels. The fees become effective following submission to and review by the Joint Committee on Finance and in accordance with 2015 Wis. Act 90.

Fund Fees

For the fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019, the Commissioner requests to set Fund fees that participating health care providers must pay to the Fund at the same rate as fees paid for the 2019 fiscal year. The Board approved these fees at its meeting on March 20, 2019, based upon the recommendation of the Board's actuarial and underwriting committee and reports of the Fund's actuaries.

Mediation Panel Fees

The Board is required to set the annual fees for the operation of the medical mediation panel and submit the fees to the Joint Committee on Finance in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 655.27 (3) (bt) based on the recommendation of the Director of State Courts. The Director of State Courts submitted its fiscal year 2020 request on December 19, 2018. The Board's actuarial and underwriting committee met on February 26, 2019, and recommended to the Board at the March 20, 2019, meeting an amount for the Panel fees not to exceed \$125,100 in total mediation assessment Panel fees. The Commissioner is setting the 2020 fiscal year Panel fees in accordance with the Board authorization from the March 20, 2019 meeting approved Panel fees at \$8.75 for physicians and \$2.00 per occupied bed for hospitals, representing a decrease of \$19.50 per physician and a decrease of \$4.25 per occupied bed for hospitals from the 2019 fiscal year Panel fees.

The Fund and Panel fees, once reviewed by the Joint Committee on Finance, will be published to the Office's and Fund's website in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 655.27 (3) (bt), and will request the Director of State Courts to also post the rates on its website.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have further questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark V Afable
Commissioner

cc: Brynn Bruijn-Hansen, Fund Manager