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The Honorable Wilton Simpson
Senate President
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear President Simpson:

This letter is submitted to comply with the requirement of section 402.81, Florida Statutes, regarding reporting to the Legislature expenditures and the number of individuals served under the Pharmaceutical Expense Assistance Program.

The Pharmaceutical Expense Assistance Program was established on January 1, 2006. The purpose of the program is to pay coinsurance and deductibles for certain Medicare Part B drugs related to cancer and organ transplant for patients that are eligible for Medicaid through the Medically Needy category.

Under the Pharmaceutical Expense Assistance Program these specific drugs are paid with state funds, and individuals eligible for the program are not required to meet their Medicaid share of cost obligation prior to coverage. Further, expenditures for the drugs covered under this program do not count toward the individual's share of cost requirement for other Medicaid funded services.

Only those 652 individuals who initially met eligibility requirements as of January 1, 2006 were enrolled in the program. The program included Medicare eligible individuals who were also eligible under the Florida Medicaid Medically Needy program and who had been diagnosed with cancer or were organ transplant recipients. No new enrollees have been added, and through attrition, the number of individuals who accessed the program has steadily declined.

During Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019-2020, each quarter 3 to 14 individuals accessed the program. The State reimbursed crossover claims for coinsurance and deductible amounts for specific cancer and anti-rejection drugs for a total of \$4,457.28 during FFY 2019-20. The table on the following page shows the number of unique individuals and total reimbursements by quarter for the program.



**Table 1: Pharmaceutical Expense Assistance Program
Number of Unique Individuals and Unadjusted Total State Reimbursements by Quarter,
Federal Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Quarter	Unique Individuals	Total Reimbursed
October 2019 – December 2019	14	\$1,660.04
January 2020 – March 2020	14	\$1,628.15
April 2020 – June 2020	3	\$777.95
July 2020 – September 2020	3	\$391.14
FFY Total		\$4,457.28

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Tiffany Vause, Deputy Chief of Staff at (850) 412-3614 or Tiffany.Vause@ahca.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,



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