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Re: Report Required Under Minn. Stat. § 15C.16 (2018)

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

As you know, the Minnesota False Claims Act ("MFCA"), section 15C.16 (2018), requires this Office to report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the Senate and House of Representative Committees with jurisdiction over state government finance by January 15 of each year on activities carried out under Chapter 15C during the prior calendar year. Pursuant to this requirement, I provide the following information:

- 62 complaints were received in 2018, where a claim was made that included, in part, Minn. Stat. § 15C.05. Most of these complaints were filed primarily under the Federal False Claims Act.
- In 2018, the Office settled 8 cases and obtained recoveries of \$2,419,492.58, which was disbursed to the Minnesota Department of Human Services ("DHS") pursuant to federal Medicaid fraud provisions. There were 25 cases in which the Office either declined to intervene and/or the relators dismissed the case.
- In 2018, 828.1 attorney hours and 213.1 non-attorney hours were spent on activities under the MFCA.

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Please be advised that this Office continues to be a member of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units ("NAMFCU") and through this participation works in conjunction with other states and with the United States Department of Justice to pursue recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND SMITH Director of Finance

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cc: Legislative Reference Library