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April 1, 2024

Mr. Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General
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Dear Mr. Olson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request for retention of special counsel Iowa Code section 13.7, to represent the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in arbitration proceedings seeking approximately \$20 million from two Medicare Advantage payors for purported underpayments associated with drugs eligible for 304B reimbursement. Attorney fees and costs will be paid from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Hospital Administration Fund.

Firm: Polsinelli Law Firm
150 N. Riverside Plaza, Ste. 3000
Chicago, IL 60606
Rate: \$485-\$805 per hour

Sincerely,

Victoria Newton

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Executive Secretary

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March 25, 2024

Victoria Newton
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
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Re: Retention of Special Counsel – Recovery of Medicare Advantage
Underpayments

Dear Victoria:

Under Iowa Code Section 13.7(1), the Attorney General asks the Executive Council to authorize retention of Polsinelli Law Firm, 150 N. Riverside Plaza, Ste. 3000, Chicago, IL 60606 to represent the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in arbitration proceedings seeking approximately \$20 million from two Medicare Advantage payors for purported underpayments associated with drugs eligible for 304B reimbursement.

The hourly rates range from \$485-\$805 per hour, which is commensurate with the rates paid to experienced civil litigation attorneys in a specialized area. The contract renewal would extend through FY24, with an option of renewal. Amounts paid under the contract would be paid from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Hospital Administration Fund.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General