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Mr. Lee Johnson, Administrator
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SUBJECT: Mont. Code Ann. § 17-8-416 Reporting

Dear Administrator Johnson,

The following data is compiled by Montana's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for the purposes of Mont. Code Ann. § 17-8-416. The data is based only on case information the MFCU has been given notice of or has access to, which includes federal pleadings and other court filings. The statute is recited below and provides:

“Beginning February 14, 2014, and by February 15 of each year, the attorney general shall submit to the law and justice interim committee a report containing the following information:

(1) the number of cases filed under the Montana False Claims Act, Title 17, chapter 8, part 4, that were pending in the state during the previous calendar year;

0 This is the number of cases filed during the 2025 calendar year in Montana state district courts under the Montana False Claims Act by the MFCU.

0 This is the number of cases pending during the 2025 calendar year and or were filed in federal district courts in the State of Montana under the False Claims Act by the MFCU.

(2) the number of cases filed under the Montana False Claims Act that were settled during the previous calendar year;

5 This is the number of cases settled across the United States which implicated, in part, the Montana False Claims Act.

(3) the number of cases filed under the Montana False Claims Act in which judgement was entered during the previous calendar year;

3 This number represents the number of cases dismissed or adjudicated in federal district courts across the United States and filed, in part, under the Montana False Claims Act.

0 This is the number of cases dismissed in Montana state district courts filed under the Montana False Claims Act.

(4) the total proceeds paid to the state and the total proceeds paid to the qui tam plaintiffs in cases filed under the Montana False Claims Act during the previous calendar year; and

\$149,452.80 This number represents the proceeds paid to the State of Montana during the previous calendar year pursuant to the *qui tam* case settlements.

\$9,436.60 This number represents the proceeds paid to *qui tam* plaintiffs (who are called “relators” in *qui tam* lawsuits) out of Montana’s settlement share during the previous calendar year pursuant to the *qui tam* case settlements.

(5) the number of qui tam cases pending in other jurisdictions involving the state in the previous calendar year.

179 This number represents the number of cases pending in federal district courts across the United States which were filed, in part, under the Montana False Claims Act and on behalf of the State of Montana.

Montana also received \$168,634.82 in settlement monies as a result of 3 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit cases that were handled by the unit prosecutor. These cases do not fall into one of the above categories because the cases were not filed under the Montana False Claims Act, Title 17, chapter 8, part 4.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have on this report at jacob.griffith2@mt.gov or 406-444-6607.

Sincerely,



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