



# Department of Public Health and Human Services

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To: Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division

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Re: Quarterly Claims Report Pursuant to HB 358

Date: July 19, 2023

In compliance with HB 358, adoption in the 2021 legislative session, and on behalf of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (“DPHHS”), the DPHHS Office of Legal Affairs submits to the Legislative Fiscal Division a quarterly report regarding any new claims against DPHHS that exceed \$10,000. During the quarter ending June 30, 2023, DPHHS received the following initial demands seeking \$10,000 or more in monetary compensation:

- Two tort claims submitted to Risk Management and Tort Defense
- One complaint filed with the Montana Medical Legal Panel
- One complaint filed in the United States District Court, District of Montana

No demands or claims were deemed frivolous and excluded from this claims report. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Justin Kraske at (406) 444-1258.