



State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services

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Tony Evers, Governor  
Andrea Palm, Secretary

October 19, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

Mr. Patrick Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Mr. Renk and Mr. Fuller:

I am pleased to submit to the Legislature an annual report concerning decisions and resulting payments of attorney fees and related legal costs as required by Wisconsin Stat. §§ 227.485(9) and 814.245(10). Attorney fees and other legal costs are to be paid whenever the opposing party to an agency's Chapter 227 hearing prevails and it is determined that the agency's position was not substantially justified. The attached report reflects payments made during SFY 2020.

In addition, the Department of Health Services is required to report any awards granted to the department regarding frivolous motions brought against us. No motions of opposing parties were found to be frivolous in SFY 2020. Consequently, the Department of Health Services has no awards to report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Palm", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrea Palm  
Secretary-designee

Enclosure

cc: Cortney Mesdjian, OLC  
Nicole Hensen, BFS



**1985 WISCONSIN ACT 52**  
**Claims Under Wis. Stat. §§ 814.245 and 227.485**  
**Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020**

Case Name	Case No.	Agency	Assistant Attorney General/ DHS Attorney	Opposing Counsel	Nature of Case/Claim	Costs/Fees Requested	Amount Awarded	Date of Order(s)	Appeals
Fletcher, Larry	CMDV/18 9411	DHS	None	Attorney Peter E. Grosskopf Grosskopf Law Office, LLC	Incorrect determination that divestment made Petitioner ineligible for medical assistance	\$1,086.75	\$1,039.50	7/22/2019	No
Huff, Dora M., c/o Brown, Rosemary	CMDV/18 7706	DHS	None	Attorney Jonathan P. Barstow Barstow Elder Law Center, SC	Incorrect determination that due to divestments, Petitioner was subject to a period of ineligibility for medical assistance	\$2,675.00	\$2,145.78	8/16/2019	No