



**Greg Gianforte, Governor**

**Adam Meier, Director**

To: Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division

From: Paula M. Stannard, Chief Legal Counsel  
Justin Kraske, Attorney

Re: Quarterly Claims Report Pursuant to HB 358

Date: October 1, 2021

In compliance with HB 358, 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 September 30, 2021, DPHHS received the following initial demands seeking \$10,000 or more in monetary compensation:

- One claim filed with the United States District Court for the District of Montana

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Justin Kraske at (406) 444-1258.

**From:** Stannard, Paula <[Paula.Stannard@mt.gov](mailto:Paula.Stannard@mt.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 12:28 PM

**To:** Lindsay, Susie <[SLindsay@mt.gov](mailto:SLindsay@mt.gov)>; Kraske, Justin <[Justin.Kraske@mt.gov](mailto:Justin.Kraske@mt.gov)>; Holzer, Quinn <[QHolzer@mt.gov](mailto:QHolzer@mt.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: DPHHS Quarterly Claims Report

Susie –

Justin is out of the office, and will confirm the following on his return: My understanding is that there were not any complaints or claims against DPHHS that we excluded from the quarterly claims report because they were deemed frivolous.

Please let us know if you need any further information.

Paula  
Paula M. Stannard  
Chief Legal Counsel  
Department of Public Health & Human Services  
O: (406) 444-3127  
[paula.stannard@mt.gov](mailto:paula.stannard@mt.gov)

**From:** Lindsay, Susie <[SLindsay@mt.gov](mailto:SLindsay@mt.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 8:26 AM

**To:** Kraske, Justin <[Justin.Kraske@mt.gov](mailto:Justin.Kraske@mt.gov)>; Holzer, Quinn <[QHolzer@mt.gov](mailto:QHolzer@mt.gov)>

**Cc:** Stannard, Paula <[Paula.Stannard@mt.gov](mailto:Paula.Stannard@mt.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: DPHHS Quarterly Claims Report

Justin,

Thank you for the submission. Demands deemed to be frivolous need not be included, but please indicate the number of complaints or claims deemed frivolous.

Thanks,

*Susie Lindsay*  
Lead Fiscal Analyst - Communications  
Legislative Fiscal Division  
Rm. 119 State Capitol  
444-4121

**From:** Kraske, Justin <[Justin.Kraske@mt.gov](mailto:Justin.Kraske@mt.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 2:48 PM

**To:** Holzer, Quinn <[QHolzer@mt.gov](mailto:QHolzer@mt.gov)>

**Cc:** Lindsay, Susie <[SLindsay@mt.gov](mailto:SLindsay@mt.gov)>; Stannard, Paula <[Paula.Stannard@mt.gov](mailto:Paula.Stannard@mt.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: DPHHS Quarterly Claims Report

Quinn and Susie,

Please see the attached DPHHS quarterly claim report. Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Justin

**From:** Holzer, Quinn <[QHolzer@mt.gov](mailto:QHolzer@mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 8:54 AM  
**To:** Kraske, Justin <[Justin.Kraske@mt.gov](mailto:Justin.Kraske@mt.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lindsay, Susie <[SLindsay@mt.gov](mailto:SLindsay@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: DPHHS Quarterly Claims Report

Thanks Mr. Kraske,

Feel free to send that to myself and go ahead and copy Susie Lindsay in our office as well, as she coordinates the publishing of those things to the website.

Quinn

**From:** Kraske, Justin <[Justin.Kraske@mt.gov](mailto:Justin.Kraske@mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:30 PM  
**To:** Holzer, Quinn <[QHolzer@mt.gov](mailto:QHolzer@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** DPHHS Quarterly Claims Report

Mr. Holzer,

I left you a message earlier today to verify if you had any other specific requirements for the quarterly claims report pursuant to HB 358 and to confirm you were the correct recipient for the report. I have the report ready to provide once I hear back on any additional details I should be aware of.

Thank you,

Justin

**Justin Kraske**  
Attorney  
Office of Legal Affairs  
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services  
Ph: (406) 444-1258  
Fax: (406) 444-9744  
[Justin.Kraske@mt.gov](mailto:Justin.Kraske@mt.gov)