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Statutory Requirements

Details in this report were submitted to the Governor and Florida Legislature on November 27, 2018, to comply with the requirement of section 402.81, Florida Statutes, regarding reporting to the Legislature expenditures and the number of individuals served under the Pharmaceutical Expense Assistance Program.

Summary

The Pharmaceutical Expense Assistance Program was established on January 1, 2006. The purpose of the program is to pay coinsurance and deductibles for certain Medicare Part B drugs related to cancer and organ transplant for patients that are eligible for Medicaid through the Medically Needy category.

Under the Pharmaceutical Expense Assistance Program these specific drugs are paid with state funds, and individuals eligible for the program are not required to meet their Medicaid share of cost obligation prior to coverage. Further, expenditures for the drugs covered under this program do not count toward the individual's share of cost requirement for other Medicaid funded services.

Only those 652 individuals who initially met eligibility requirements as of January 1, 2006 were enrolled in the program. The program included Medicare eligible individuals who were also eligible under the Florida Medicaid Medically Needy program and who had been diagnosed with cancer or were organ transplant recipients. No new enrollees have been added, and through attrition, the number of individuals who accessed the program has steadily declined.

During the period covering Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-18, between 19 and 22 unique individuals accessed the program in a quarter. The state reimbursed crossover claims for coinsurance and deductible amounts for specific cancer and anti-rejection drugs for a total of \$14,388.52 (unadjusted) during FFY 2017-18. Table 1 on the following page shows the number of unique individuals and total state reimbursements by quarter for the program.

**Table 1: Pharmaceutical Expense Assistance Program
Number of Unique Individuals and Unadjusted Total State Reimbursements by Quarter,
Federal Fiscal Year 2017-18**

Quarter	Unique Individuals	Total Reimbursed
October 2017 – December 2017	19	\$2,180.26
January 2018 – March 2018	19	\$3,033.96
April 2018 – June 2018	19	\$2,241.21
July 2018 – September 2018	22	\$6,933.09
FFY Total		\$14,388.52