



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor
Kirsten L. Johnson, Secretary

December 5, 2025

Mr. Cyrus Anderson
Senate Chief Clerk
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7822

Mr. Edward Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Mr. Anderson and Mr. Blazel:

Wisconsin Statute §§ 227.485(9) and 814.245(10) requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to submit an annual report concerning decisions and resulting payments of attorney fees and related legal costs. 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 2025.

In addition, DHS 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 2025. Consequently, DHS has no awards to report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kirsten Johnson".

Kirsten L. Johnson
Secretary-designee

Enclosure

cc: Zachary Hendrickson, OLC
Nicole Hensen, BFS

1985 WISCONSIN ACT 52
Claims Under Wis. Stat. §§ 814.245 and 227.485
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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)	APPEAL
Courtney Sherwin	24-CV-0508	DHS	Samir Jaber, AAG	Timothy Hennigan	Incorrectly denied prior authorization	\$5,147.55	\$5,147.55	7/26/2024	No
Mary Ann Gralow	CMGE-208717	DHS	None	Benjamin Wright, Wright Elder Law	Incorrectly determined available and countable assets and incorrectly denied eligibility for institutional-MA.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	11/26/2024	No
Thuy Krawczyk	CFCP-213072	DHS	None	John Sage, Schober Schober & Mitchell, SC	Improperly denied back dating enrollment date as a result of agency errors processing application.	\$6,856.50	\$6,856.50	11/27/2024	No