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Mike Monson
City of Urbana
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Re: FOIA Request #14-829

Dear Mr. Monson:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated December 10, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“...to know how much the UI spends overall for health insurance for employees, and with what company or companies, for its Urbana-Champaign campus, as well as for its Chicago campus.

We also would like to know the average cost per employee of providing health insurance at each campus. If possible, could you break this down by University contribution and employee contribution?

We would also like to know the average cost of providing health insurance for students at each campus, both as an overall dollar figure and on a cost-per-student basis. Also, please provide us the name of the insurance company or agency providing such health coverage.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 37 pages.

Your request did not specifically seek documents; we are, however, able to answer some of your questions.

The University does not contribute towards state employee health insurance. All insurance is paid for by the state of Illinois through CMS. In FY 14, the state paid \$455.5 million for employee benefits on behalf of the University. As CMS manages employee health insurance on our behalf, the University does not contract with any companies to provide insurance. Similarly, we are unable to provide an average cost per employee or to provide values broken out by campus. More information on payments on behalf and employee premiums is available on page 11 of the attached document.

Please note that the University does submit reimbursement payments to CMS for employees who have been paid from grants and contract funds on a pay event basis. Those payments in FY14 were approximately \$66 million.

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All eligible University employees have benefits through the State and CMS, regardless of the funding source.

The University assists students in obtaining health insurance if they do not have another plan. The University collects the health insurance premium from each student and then passes it along to the insurance company.

We suggest that you contact Edward Slaznik at slaznik@illinois.edu or (217) 333-1300 for more detailed information.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer