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Sarah O'Connor
The Legal Council of Chicago
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Re: FOIA 15-136

Dear Ms. O'Conner:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on February 17, 2015, in which you requested:

"I am writing pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1-1 et seq., to request the following information concerning the Medicaid Nursing and Personal Care (NPCS) Program:

- 1) All policies for the "NPCS" program operated by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC), including but not limited to policies for eligibility, services, operation, and participant appeals. Please include all current policies and any policy changes in the past three years.
- 2) All assessment tools used to evaluate eligibility for and services covered by Medicaid for children under age 21 in the NPCS Program. Please include all current assessment tools and any previous tool in use in the past three years.
- 3) All assessment tools used to evaluate the need for skilled nursing care or shift nursing for children under age 21 in the Medicaid program. Please include all current assessment tools and any previous tool in use in the past three years.
- 4) All criteria or guidelines used for assessing the need for skilled nursing care or shift nursing for children under age 21 in the Medicaid program. Please include all current criteria and guidelines and any changes that have occurred in the past three years.
- 5) All rules or policies setting forth the criteria for coverage of skilled nursing care or shift nursing for children under age 21 in the Medicaid program. Please include all current rules or policies and any changes that have occurred in the past three years.
- 6) All utilization review or other protocols or procedures used to evaluate the need for skilled nursing care or shift nursing services for children under age 21. Please include all current utilization review or other protocols or procedures and any changes that have occurred in the past three years.
- 7) All contracts or agreements in the past 3 years that involve assessment of need for skilled nursing care or shift nursing for children under age 21.
- 8) All instructions to evaluators in the past 3 years concerning assessment of need for skilled nursing care or shift nursing for children under age 21."

Information responsive to point 8 of your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 261 pages. The University did not locate any documents responsive to the other points of your request.

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Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(f) exempts “preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” This includes handwritten notes.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

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