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North Carolina General Assembly  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

RE: G.S. §114-2.5; Report on Settlement Agreement for Report on  
Settlement Agreement for Biogen, Inc.

Dear Members:

Section 114-2.5 of the North Carolina General Statutes requires the Attorney General to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Chairs of the Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety regarding all settlements and court orders which result in more than \$75,000.00 being paid to the State. Pursuant to that statute, I am writing regarding the settlement of claims for Medicaid reimbursement to the state and federal governments in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to federal law (42 C.F.R. § 433.320) recoveries in these cases are shared on a pro rata basis by the state and federal governments.

A settlement has been executed between the qui tam plaintiff and Biogen.

The settlement resolves allegations that from January 1, 2009 through March 18, 2014, Biogen submitted claims to the Medicaid program by paying kickbacks to health care professionals to induce them to prescribe Avonex, Tysabri and Tecfidera.

Under the terms of North Carolina's settlement, the State of North Carolina will recover \$4,549,474.48. Of that amount the federal government will receive \$2,706,752.69 for North Carolina's federal portion of Medicaid recoveries. Pursuant to G.S. § 1-610, the qui tam plaintiff whose whistleblower actions brought this matter to the government's attention will receive \$545,998.47 of North Carolina's recovery. The North Carolina Medicaid Program will receive \$814,268.51 as restitution. In addition, pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution and G.S. § 115C-457.1, the penalty portion of the settlement in the amount of \$413,332.72 will be paid to the Civil Penalty Forfeiture Fund for the support of North Carolina public schools. Pursuant to G.S. § 115C-457.2 and G.S. § 1-608(c), the North Carolina Department of Justice will receive \$68,470.16 for investigative costs and costs of collection. North Carolina will also pay \$651.93 in fees to the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units.

We will be happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding this report.

Very truly yours,



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