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Mr. Lefemine,

The State Health Plan covers services for abortions as permitted under Proviso 108.4. As such, the State Health Plan paid \$9,833 in plan payments for these services between July 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019. State appropriated funds are 40.6 percent of total plan dollars. PEBA does not know the share of federal funds. In accordance with PEBA's privacy practices, PEBA is unable to provide the total number of abortions as requested because the occurrence is less than the threshold set to release and PEBA is not provided the specific categories as requested on which the basis of the abortion was covered.

**State Health Plan portion of total member premiums paid to cover abortions performed under the Plan as permitted under Proviso 108.4**

108.4. (PEBA: Funding Abortions Prohibited) No funds appropriated for employer contributions to the State Health Insurance Plan may be expended to reimburse the expenses of an abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or where the mother's medical condition is one which, on the basis of the physician's good faith judgment, so complicates the pregnancy as to necessitate an immediate abortion to avert the risk of her death or for which a delay will create serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily function, and the State Health Plan may not offer coverage for abortion services, including ancillary services provided contemporaneously with abortion services. The Public Employee Benefit Authority must determine the amount of the total premium paid for health coverage necessary to cover the risks associated with reimbursing participants in the plan for obtaining an abortion in the circumstances covered by this provision. The determination must be based on actuarial data and empirical study in the same manner and by the same method that other risks are adjusted for in similar circumstances. The plan must report this determination annually to the respective Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

Best,

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