



Alpena County Clerk's Office
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Alpena County Board of Commissioners
720 W. Chisholm St.
Alpena, MI 49707

I am requesting the transfer of \$187,533.00 from 701-000-231.006 hospitalization to 677 Fund Health Savings Fund (677-852-677.000 Refunds & Reimbursement).

I can not fully explain this money in the Hospitalization Fund, but here a general idea. For 18 months 2007/2008, Alpena County enrolled with Blue Cross/Blue Shield ASC plan (self funding). During this time frame our health care rates were climbing, 23-34%, and ASC was presented to manage costs. Rates were adjusted quarterly on a true up formula; the invoices reflect XX number of contracts covered.

The rates kept climbing each quartered, I finally asked for an audit of who was actually being covered. I did an audit of employees - month by month for coverage as did Blue Cross -once we compared – it was discovered that Blue Cross was covering employees that were no longer employed, hadn't been employed for the past two years or so. Single employees were calculated in as family policies. It was a mess.

So, during the next year or so, as discrepancies were verified, Blue Cross began issuing refund checks. In my file I have copies of two checks (\$75,000 and \$50,342) I also have that in July 2009 we received. \$72,342.28. Over the years, money has been transferred from 701-000-231.006 to cover Longevity \$11,556.41; Pay our initial Delta Dental deposit \$3,200.00 -Dec. 2008; Feb. 2008 \$45,000 the General Fund. And who knows what else.

Working with our Auditors this year, it is suggested that \$187,533.00 be transferred out of 701-000-231.006. I'm requesting into the Health Savings Fund since this money was originally health cost monies.

Thank you,

Bonnie Friedrichs
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