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Dear Alpena Administration,

With your approval, we would like to ask for a **contractual increase in investigator per case fee** take effect with the 2026 calendar year. Thank you for your commitment for continued retention of the valuable contractors we have serving the citizens of the county. Please let me know if I may provide any further documentation needed for your consideration.

Field Investigation Per Case <i>(Contractors are responsible for their Self Employment Taxes, etc.)</i>	Current	Proposed for 2026	Reflect add'l per case of	Add'l Impact on (?) Annual Budget projection
Natural - Level 1 Investigator	\$ 140	\$144	\$4	@ 0 = \$0
Non-Natural- Level 1 Investigator	\$ 160	\$165	\$5	@ 0 = \$0
Natural- Level 2 Investigator	\$ 179	\$184	\$5	@ 42 = \$210
Non-Natural-Level 2 Investigator	\$ 205	\$211	\$6	@ 18 = \$108
Natural-ABMDI Level 3Investigator	\$ 226	\$233	\$7	@ 18 = \$126
Non-Natural-ABMDI Level 3Investigator	\$246	\$253	\$9	@ 6 = \$54

*The above is compiled based on 2026's anticipated (84) scene investigations.

Additional Annual Total \$ 498

Examples of Investigator Responsibilities as according to Nation Standards of Investigation	PER CASE INCLUDES:	Drive time to and from the scene, on-scene investigation, drawing specimens from decedents, external body exam, decedent secure bagging, notifying the next of kin about and that the death has occurred, contacting the primary care physician for more med history, counting and cataloging each medication/pill, use of own computer to securely input case into database.
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As always, I'm available to discuss any pros and cons of our system as we continually strive to move forward in the service and support we provide.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kasprisk

Medical Examiner Administrator