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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met on Monday, September 16, 2019. The following are highlighted agenda items approved by the Council.

- A personal appearance was made by Department of Administrative Services Director Jim Kurtenbach, and staff Christy Niehaus and Jessica Lingo, to request approval of the health and dental insurance premiums for calendar year (CY) 2020. The current enrollment as of July 2019 is 54,838 members, which is up from 54,374 members in CY 2018. However, the State experienced an increase in the number of large claimants (\$7.7 million increase compared to CY 2018) and the average amount paid per large payment increased as well (an increase of \$13,000 per claimant). The Council approved a \$57.00 increase in the employer's share for the single option of the Iowa Choice plan and a \$134.00 increase in the employer's share for the family option of the plan.
- The Council approved a request from the Attorney General's Office for payment of expenses in the amount of \$19,500 pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#).
- The Council approved a request from the Auditor of State to employ the services of the following outside Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firms to perform periodic examinations for FY 2019 as required in Iowa Code chapter [11](#):
  - Rachele Thompson, CPA
  - Kronlage and Olson
  - Community CPA
  - Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn
  - Hogan Hansen
- The Council approved approximately \$122,000 in requests for emergency allocations, including a request from the Department of Natural Resources of \$60,000 for repairs due to flooding in George Wyth State Park.
- The Council approved approximately \$2,400 in cost item payments.

**Next Meeting.** The Council is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 23, 2019.

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