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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING — JANUARY 2020

**Meeting.** The State Appeal Board met on January 14, 2020, at the State Capitol in Des Moines. The Board took the following actions:

- Approved approximately \$61,000 in general claims pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [25](#).
- Approved approximately \$23,000 and denied \$43.3 million in tort claims pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [669](#).

**Settlements.** The Board approved one judgment and three settlements, totaling approximately \$4.7 million from the General Fund and \$2.1 million from the University of Iowa Physicians Fund. Judgments were for the following cases:

- *Joyce Bohren, Gerald Bohren, and Jackie Ayers v. State of Iowa*: This case arose from alleged medical negligence at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. The parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit for \$3.5 million. The University of Iowa Physicians Insurance Fund will provide the funds for the settlement.
- *Shelly Marie Coverstone, Gregory Scott Coverstone, and Shelly Marie Coverstone as Administrator of the Estate of Ashlee Maxson Coverstone v. State of Iowa*: This case arose from alleged medical negligence at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. The parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit for \$3.5 million. The University of Iowa Physicians Insurance Fund will provide the funds for the settlement.
- *Joseph Walsh v. Teresa Wahlert and State of Iowa*: This case arose from alleged wrongful termination and retaliation claims. The parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit for \$99,000.
- *Dorothy Hollinger v. State of Iowa*: This case arose from a disability discrimination claim involving the Iowa Department of Human Services/Glenwood Resource Center. The district court found in favor of the plaintiff, and the Iowa Court of Appeals affirmed. The Court awarded the plaintiff approximately \$241,000 plus interest accrued from the original judgment date of November 19, 2018. The Court also awarded approximately \$226,000 in attorneys' fees and expenses plus accrued interest.

**Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the State Appeal Board is scheduled for February 3, 2020, at the State Capitol in Des Moines.

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