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Dear Ms. Ginty:

This letter is in response to your recent questions about transgender surgery costs through Iowa Medicaid. The questions and responses are as follows:

Question 1: Is this the annual cost? Is this state and federal?

Response 1: The \$52,900,000 cost is the estimated cost for the pent-up demand for the transgender surgeries. This would be \$35,443,000 federal share and \$19,573,000 state money.

Question 2: What other elective procedures does IME cover and not cover?

Response 2: Please see this link to the provider manual, pages 48-50 for elective procedures that are not covered.

<https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Phys.pdf?040920191337>

Question 3: Is this just Medicaid? Or does this fiscal note cover Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders (CCUSO)?

Response 3: This cost estimate is only for enrolled Medicaid members. Residents of CCUSO are not eligible for Medicaid due to their incarceration status.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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