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TO: Members of the Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee
FROM: Megan Moore, Legislative Services
RE: Unreimbursed Medicare and Medicaid Costs for SJR23 Study
DATE: February 9, 2012

This memorandum provides unreimbursed Medicare and Medicaid cost information that was requested at the December Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee meeting for the Senate Joint Resolution No. 23 (SJR23) study. This memo updates the February 6, 2012, memo and contains a new figure for unreimbursed Medicare costs for 2009 for St. Patrick Hospital.

The hospitals that responded to the information request had wide ranging unreimbursed costs related to Medicaid and Medicare.

	Medicaid		Medicare	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Billings Clinic	\$927,175	-\$1,348,006	\$25,163,263	\$21,010,145
Kalispell Regional	\$3,474,164	\$4,006,928	\$19,245,652	\$20,076,576
St. Patrick	\$3,673,432	\$4,782,572	\$20,897,915	\$25,056,005
St. Peter's	\$1,840,669	\$1,947,143	\$3,569,008	\$5,815,213
St. Vincent	\$6,946,361	\$9,472,365	\$10,995,973	\$16,058,616

For 2009, Medicaid costs that were not reimbursed ranged from more than \$925,000 at Billings Clinic to \$6.9 million at St. Vincent Healthcare. The 2010 figures show a surplus at Billings Clinic of \$1.3 million, due to high federal matching funds for treating indigent patients.¹ St. Vincent Healthcare again had the highest unreimbursed Medicaid costs in 2010: more than \$9.4 million.

The figures for unreimbursed Medicare costs were higher than the unreimbursed Medicaid costs for all hospitals that responded. In 2009, St. Peter's had the lowest amount of Medicare costs that were not reimbursed, \$3.6 million, and Billings Clinic had the highest, \$25.2 million. For 2010, St. Peter's Hospital again had the lowest unreimbursed Medicare costs, with \$5.8 million, and St. Patrick's Hospital had the highest, \$25 million.

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¹Email from Erika Nottingham, Billings Clinic accountant, Jan. 26, 2012.