

As the committee requested I am attaching several documents we provided to our members concerning the FY 14 and FY 15 rates. I am happy to respond to any questions the committee has on our program.

In my testimony today regarding the impact of the proposed .8% increase in the claims assessment- the numbers are as follows:

\$1,882,994 estimated impact on our health program- translating to a .7% increase required on the rate

\$45,723 impact on our dental program

Total impact of \$1,928,717. Since VEHI pays for the entire program and all accompanying expenses through member contributions, these costs are borne by member school districts. While the premium cost share varies across schools and employee groups, roughly 85% of the premium is paid by districts through the property tax.

Since our FY 15 rates [thought June 2015] have been set, VEHI would be required to rely on our limited fund balance in FY 15 to pay the assessment for the entire year. In order to maintain an adequate fund balance our FY 16 rate would have to incorporate the increase in assessment for both FY 15 and FY 16.

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