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Co-Chairs, Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety

North Carolina General Assembly Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Re: G.S. §114-2.5; Report on Settlement Agreement for Genzyme Corporation

Dear Members:

Section 114-2.5 of the North Carolina General Statutes requires the Attorney General to report to the Joint Committee on Governmental Operations and the Chairs of the Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety regarding all settlements and court orders which result in more than \$75,000.00 being paid to the State. Pursuant to that statute, I am writing regarding the settlement of claims for Medicaid reimbursement to the state and federal governments in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to federal law (42 C.F.R. § 433.320) recoveries in these cases are shared on a pro rata basis by the state and federal governments.

A settlement has been executed between Genzyme Corporation and the State of North Carolina.

The settlement resolves allegations that from October 1, 2007 through December 5, 2016, Genzyme improperly underpaid its Medicaid Rebate obligations by falsely

under-reporting Average Manufacturer Price to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Under the terms of North Carolina's settlement, the State of North Carolina will recover \$87,755.07. Of that amount the federal government will receive \$59,762.52 for North Carolina's federal portion of Medicaid recoveries. Pursuant to G.S. §1-610, the qui tam plaintiffs whose whistleblower actions brought this matter to the government's attention will receive \$7,837.91 of North Carolina's recovery. The North Carolina Medicaid Program will receive \$18,292.35 as restitution. Pursuant to G.S.§ 108A-70.12(b)(3) and G.S. §1-608(c), the North Carolina Department of Justice will receive \$1,862.29 for investigative costs.

We will be happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding this report.

Very truly yours,

Seth Dearmin Chief of Staff

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cc: Kristine Leggett, NCGA Fiscal Research Division