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10. Each party represents that all procedures necessary to authorize such Party's execution of this MOU have been performed and that the person signing for such Party has been authorized to execute the MOU.

I. Payment of Counsel and Litigation Expenses Through a Back-Stop Fund

1. Some Settlements, including the McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation ("Distributor") and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen ("J&J") settlements, may provide for the payment of all or a portion of the fees and litigation expenses owed by Participating Local Governments to counsel specifically retained to file suit in the opioid litigation. If any Settlement is insufficient to cover the fee obligations of the Participating Local Governments (as discussed and modified by Judge Polster's Order of August 6 regarding fees for the Distributor and J&J settlements), the deficiencies will be covered as set forth in further detail below.
2. The Parties also recognize that, as in the Distributor and J&J settlements, certain Opioid Settling Defendants may offer premiums benefiting the entire state of Colorado when Participating Local Governments agree to the Settlement(s), thereby settling their claims in their on-going lawsuits. For example, below is the chart illustrating how Incentive Payment B (a 25% premium to the entire state) works in the Distributor Settlement at Section IV.F.2.b (p. 20):

Percentage of Litigating Subdivision Population that is Incentive B Eligible Subdivision Population ⁵	Incentive Payment B Eligibility Percentage
Up to 85%	0%
85%+	30%
86+	40%
91+	50%
95+	60%
99%+	95%
100%	100%

3. If the court in *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio), or if a Settlement establishes a common benefit fund or similar device to compensate attorneys for services rendered and expenses incurred that have benefited plaintiffs generally in the litigation (the "Common Benefit Fund"),

and/or requires certain governmental plaintiffs to pay a share of their recoveries from defendants into the Common Benefit Fund ("Court-Ordered Common Benefit Fund Assessment"), then the Participating Local Governments shall be required to first seek to have their attorneys' fees and expenses paid through the Common Benefit Fund.

4. For the Distributor and J&J settlements only, counsel for Participating Local Governments shall have their expenses otherwise recoverable from Colorado Participating Local Governments compensated only through the Common Benefit Fund(s) established in those settlement(s). For the avoidance of doubt, counsel for Participating Local Governments may recover their attorneys' fees through the Distributor and J&J settlements and through the other applicable provisions of this Section (I).
5. In addition, as a means of covering any deficiencies in paying counsel for Participating Local Governments, a supplemental Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund shall be established. The Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund is to be used to compensate counsel for Participating Local Governments that filed an initial complaint in the opioid litigation by September 1, 2020 ("Litigating Participating Local Governments").
6. Payments out of the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund shall be determined by a committee (the "Opioid Fee and Expense Committee"). The Opioid Fee and Expense Committee shall consist of the following five (5) members:
 - a. One (1) member appointed by CCI from a litigating county or from a litigating county and city municipal corporation;
 - b. One (1) member appointed by CML from a litigating city;
 - c. One (1) member appointed jointly by CCI and CML from a non-litigating county or city;
 - d. One (1) member appointed by the Attorney General's Office; and
 - e. One (1) neutral member jointly appointed by all of the other members listed above.
7. The Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund shall be funded as follows from any Settlement, excluding settlements involving McKinsey and payments resulting from the Purdue or Mallinckrodt bankruptcy. For purposes only of calculating the funding of the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund, the Parties deem 58% of the total LG Share and Regional Share to be attributable to the Litigating Local Governments. The Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund shall be funded by 8.7% of the total LG Share and 4.35% of the total Regional Share at the time such funds are actually received. No funds deposited into the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund will be taken from the Statewide Infrastructure Share or State Share.

8. Counsel for Litigating Participating Local Governments may apply to the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund only after applying to the Common Benefit Fund.
9. Counsel for Litigating Participating Local Governments may apply to the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund for only a shortfall – that is, the difference between what their fee agreements would entitle them to (as limited by this Section (I)) minus what they have already collected from the Common Benefit Fund (including both the “common benefit” and “contingency fee” calculations, if any). If they receive fees/costs for common benefit work in the national fee fund, these fees/costs will be allocated proportionately across all their local government opioid clients based on the allocation model used in the Negotiation Class website to allocate the appropriate portion to Colorado clients.
10. Counsel for Litigating Participating Local Governments are limited to being paid, at most, and assuming adequate funds are available in any Common Benefit Fund and Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund, fees in an amount equal to 15% of the LG Share and 7.5% of the Regional Share attributable to their Colorado clients.
11. Any funds remaining in the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund in excess of the amounts needed to cover the fees and litigation expenses owed by Litigating Participating Local Governments to their respective counsel shall revert to the Participating Local Governments according to the allocations described in Sections (E) and (F). Every two years, the Opioid Fee and Expense Committee shall assess the amount remaining in the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund to determine if it is overfunded.
12. Despite the fact that a litigating entity bonus benefits the entire state, no portion of the State Share shall be used to fund the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund or in any other way to fund any Participating Local Government’s attorneys’ fees and expenses. Because the state did not hire outside counsel, any funds for attorneys fees that the state receives from the J&J and Distributor settlement will be deposited into the State Share.
13. To participate in the Colorado Attorney Fee Back-Stop Fund, counsel must follow the requirements of C.R.S. § 13-17-304.