

McKesson agrees to pay states more than \$151M

Attorney General Marty Jackley announced today that South Dakota, as part of a national settlement against the McKesson Corporation, has resolved allegations that McKesson violated the Federal False Claims Act and various state false claims acts. The case involved reporting inflated pricing data for a large number of prescription drugs, causing the state's Medicaid program to overpay for those drugs. Medicaid is funded jointly by the federal government and South Dakota.

"We are pleased that State of South Dakota's Medicaid Program will receive \$380,300.78 as part of this multistate settlement," said Jackley. "The settlement reiterates the importance of keeping drug prices affordable for the consumer and

ensuring that state programs are not being compromised through inflated prices by pharmaceutical companies."

The drug pricing data at issue in this settlement concerns the "Average Wholesale Price" (AWP) benchmark used by most states, including South Dakota, to set pharmacy reimbursement rates for pharmaceuticals dispensed to South Dakota Medicaid beneficiaries. South Dakota alleges that McKesson, one of the largest drug wholesalers in the country, reported inflated AWP pricing data to First Data Bank (FDB), a publisher of drug prices, thereby inflating many AWP's that are used by South Dakota to set reimbursement. In April, the federal government settled the federal portion of this lawsuit for more than \$187 million;

this agreement recovers the state Medicaid share for South Dakota.

South Dakota's share of the recovery is \$380,300.78, which will go to the state general fund. The overall recovery attributable to South Dakota's Medicaid program (representing McKesson's April 2012 payments to the federal government for damages suffered by South Dakota's Medicaid program, combined with the state settlement announced today), is \$1,145,260.90, of that amount \$764,960.12 is the Federal Medicaid share.

The South Dakota Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the South Dakota Department of Social Services assisted in recovering the settlement money.

State historical society announces fall Deadwood fund grant applications

The South Dakota State Historical Society has announced that the applications for the next round of the Deadwood Fund grant program are due on Oct. 1, for work beginning Jan. 1, 2013.

The program is designed to encourage large-scale restoration or rehabilitation of historic properties by individuals, organizations or public agencies, according to Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society, whose historic preservation office administers the program.

Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The grant amount must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis from nonfederal and nonstate sources. Nonprofit organizations will be allowed to use in-kind services for one-half of their match.

In 2011, more than \$121,000 was distributed

among 10 projects.

Funding for the program is from Deadwood gaming revenue earmarked by state law for historic preservation projects throughout the state and distributed by the State Historical Society.

The first round of 2013 applications will be due on Feb. 1, 2013.

For more information on the South Dakota State Historical Society's Deadwood Fund grant program, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2217; telephone (605) 773-3458.

Grant forms are available online at <http://history.sd.gov/Preservation/FundingOpps/FundingOpportunities.aspx>.

Sanford Health hosts community appreciation ice cream socials

Sanford Health will be showing its gratitude to the communities it serves with free treats, fellowship and fun at a variety of Community Appreciation Ice Cream Socials across the Sanford Health Network.

Sanford Vermillion will host

a Community Appreciation Celebration on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 5-7 p.m. at Vermillion High School. The gathering will include a BBQ meal and DQ dilly bars for everyone.

Great Plain Zoo Express will be there as well as several

inflatable rooms for the kids.

Attendees can check out Ameri-Heart, a gigantic heart display that people can walk through to better understand the anatomy of the heart and heart disease.

OBITUARIES

Diane Peterson

Diane Peterson, age 71, of Wakonda, SD passed away surrounded by her family at Sacred Heart Hospital early Friday, July 27, 2012. Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, Vermillion, SD with Rev. Anna M. Peck officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Vermillion, SD. Visitations will begin at 5 PM, Monday, July 30, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 PM. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Diane (Mary Diane) Deniger was born October 28th 1940 in Yankton to Al and Louise (Keller)



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Deniger. Diane grew up in Yankton spending much of her childhood at her Grandma Keller's and with Grandma Deniger in Watertown. Diane attended Sacred Heart School and Mount Marty College. She graduated with a teaching degree. Diane taught in Springfield and Gayville. She married John Peterson May 6th 1967, 3 children were born to this union,

Theresa, Meredith and Chad.

Diane worked at Wakonda Heritage Manor, Sunset Manor and Ability Building Services, she retired in 2010. She was a member of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church and served on the Wakonda American Legion Auxiliary.

Diane enjoyed reading "trashy" romance novels, playing cards and board games with her kids and grandchildren. She would never turn down an invitation for a trip to a casino. After Diane retired, she liked to coordinate lunch dates with her girlfriends from her farming community.

Diane is preceded in death by her mother and father, her brother Robert Deniger, her

brother-in-law, Joe Johnson and her granddaughter, Jordan Peterson.

Diane is survived by her husband John of 45 years of Wakonda; three children: Theresa and David Gustafson of Greenbrier, AR, Meredith and Jeff Hunhoff of Yankton and Chad Peterson of Quitman AR; Grandchildren include Clay and Amanda Gustafson and Reid, Kendra and Walker Hunhoff; one brother, Dennis Deniger of Lakeville IN; two brothers-in-law, Sterling (Virginia) Peterson of Wakonda and Stanley Peterson of Vermillion; three sisters-in-law, Laura Johnson of Platte, Martha Peterson of Vermillion and Arlene (Tom) Termes of Vermillion and many nieces and nephews.

Clarence P. Bugbee

Clarence P. Bugbee, 93, of Vermillion, SD passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Clarence was born September 20, 1918 in Emporia, KS to Charles and Ila (Totton) Bugbee. He graduated from Emporia High School in Kansas in 1936 and received his teaching certificate from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. He entered the Army in 1941 with the Corps of Engineers in the 386th Engineer Battalion.

He married Wilma Wiley on May 2, 1942 in Kentucky, she passed away in 2010. Clarence was retired from the Social Security Administration in Kansas City, MO.

He is survived by his son Darrel Bugbee of Kansas City, MO and a daughter Jolynn (Ken Renner) Bugbee of Beresford, SD and six grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 11:00 AM Saturday, August 4 at the Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Emporia, KS. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's Association. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Mildred O'Connor

Mildred C. O'Connor, age 93, of Pocahontas, passed away on Friday, July 27, 2012 at the Pocahontas Manor, surrounded by her loving family.

Mildred Catherine Kribell was born June 19, 1919, at Beresford, SD, to Lew and Katherine (Neuroth) Kribell. Mildred was raised on a farm south of Beresford, SD and attended Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmett, SD.

Mildred graduated from Mount Marty High School, Yankton, SD. On October 1, 1940, she married John Allen O'Connor. They made their home on a farm north of Vermillion, SD in the Garryowen community. They raised five children on their farm before moving to Akron, IA in 1961, and to Sioux City, IA, in 1962.

Mildred was employed at St. Vincent Hospital (Mercy Medical Center) Physical Therapy Dept. for almost twenty years. Upon her retirement in 1981, she moved to California. Her love for helping others brought her out of retirement and back to work in the Physical Therapy Dept. at Riverside Medical Center where she worked another ten years before retiring at the age of 74.

Mildred lived in California for 25 years before moving back to Iowa to be with family.

Mildred instilled in her children love of God, love of family, compassion, generosity, honesty and hard work. She loved working with her roses and flowers and enjoyed watching the beauty of God through His gift of nature. She had a passion for music and dance. Her love of music began in her youth when she sang in the church choir. She played the saxophone, clarinet, guitar and harmonica. But her most precious treasures were her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grand-daughters.

Survivors include her children, Elaine O'Connor, Pocahontas, Kathleen (Cal) Hendrie, Pocahontas, James

(Janette) O'Connor, Lakeville, MN, and JoAnne (Bill) Booge, Palmer, IA; seven grandchildren; Irene (Andy) Josey of Windsor, CO; Chris (Stacy) Donnell of Aurora, CO; Kim (Don) White of Lakeville, MN; Jerry (Debra) Monroe of Brea, CA; Mike (Anna) Monroe of Brea, CA; Ryan (Vanessa) Blair of Bennington, NE; and Jason (Molly) O'Connor of Minneapolis, MN; ten great-grandchildren; Jennifer (Jeremy) Josey in Colorado; Rick (Brandy) Tremblay in Colorado; Mandy, Ian, and Andrew Hendrie in California; Janaye and Donte White in Minnesota; Calvin and Carter Blair in Nebraska and Skyler Bergin in Des

Moines; two great great-grand-daughters; sisters Dolores Valsvig of Long Beach, CA; Anne (Jerry) Harrington of Pantego, TX; and brother Lewie (Gloria) Kribell of Alcester, SD; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Lew and Katherine Kribell, John Allen O'Connor, her daughter, Marguerite Monroe, three brothers, Larry, Dan and James Kribell, sisters Lucille O'Connor, Monica Lyle and

Therese Jennings and grandson, Shawn M. Blair.

Memorial Mass will be at 10:30am, Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at the Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church in Pocahontas, Iowa with Fr. Paul Bormann officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church. Powers Funeral Home in Pocahontas, Iowa is handling the arrangements.

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