



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICE  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

August 8, 2019

Re: HOW 0649-19

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated July 20, 2019, which was received on July 22, 2019.

You requested, "all the dates of transfers from Planned Parenthood to the University of MI for the year 2017."

There were three transfers as described during calendar year 2017. Your request for dates of transfers is denied pursuant to Section 13 (1) (d) of the Act, which protects from disclosure "records or information specifically described and exempted from disclosure by statute," namely the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and implementing privacy regulations (collectively "HIPAA").

Please note that within 180 days from the date of this letter, you have the right to appeal the denial of information to the President of the University or seek judicial review in the Michigan court of claims to try to compel disclosure. If you elect to appeal and the President upholds the denial, you may still seek judicial review within the 180-day period.

An appeal to the President must be submitted in writing to: President's Office, c/o Liz Barry, The University of Michigan, 2080 Fleming Administration Building, 503 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1340 (or by email to: [presoff@umich.edu](mailto:presoff@umich.edu)). The statement must (1) identify the request and the final determination by the FOIA officer that is being appealed, (2) specifically state the word "appeal," and (3) identify the reason or reasons why the final determination should be reversed.

If you seek judicial review in the Michigan court of claims and prevail, you will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, costs and disbursements incurred in maintaining the action. If you prevail in part, you may still be awarded complete or partial reimbursement for those expenses. In

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addition to actual and compensatory damages, you will be awarded punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000.00 if the court finds that the University was arbitrary and capricious in its denial.

A copy of Section 10 of the Michigan FOIA is available for your reference and review online at <http://foia.vpcomm.umich.edu/foia-right-to-appeal/>.

Sincerely,



Patricia J. Sellinger  
Chief Freedom of Information Officer