

Approved by the Board of Trustees,  
January 20, 2005

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## AUTHORIZATION FOR SETTLEMENT

**Action:** Approve Settlement of Case

**Funding:** Self-Insurance Fund

The University Counsel recommends that the board approve payment of \$3,000,000 as its contribution to the settlement of *Coughlin v. Cohen, et al.* This amount represents the University's self-insured retention for the relevant policy year. St. Paul Insurance, as the excess insurance provider, was the lead negotiator and reached a settlement agreement with the plaintiff. The plaintiff alleges that 52-year-old Karen Coughlin died as a result of the defendants' failure to diagnose her acute myelogenous leukemia.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Administration concurs.

The President of the University recommends approval.