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Marquette University is a large organization which requires risk retention and substantial deductibles in a professional risk management finance program to handle the varied and numerous activities of a major University. Marquette University is financially responsible for claims of legal liability that may occur from the activities of our academic programs including claims arising from our students in practicum and/or faculty/employees acting as our agents as stated in various affiliation agreements. Please accept this letter and explanation of financial status in lieu of an insurance certificate and keep on file for any subsequent Marquette University activity.

Marquette University is a not-for-profit, Wisconsin Corporation and independent institution of higher learning established in 1881 and conducted under the auspices of the Society of Jesus, with financial assets of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000). As a Wisconsin employer, Marquette is subject to the Wisconsin Workers Compensation Act and provides for benefits under the Act for all of its employees, including faculty and student workers. Our liability program and claims management system is designed to fund for claims arising from University activities including professional medical treatment services related to Marquette programs or sponsored affiliations. Marquette reserves its right to self-insure lines of coverage as permitted by applicable laws and finance its legal liabilities in accordance with FASB Standards. Government entities and organizations around the country accept Marquette University's risk program and financial ability to fund for claims in lieu of a certificate and in meeting statutory licensing requirements. Many medical-related organizations have professional risk management programs similar to Marquette that incorporate various risk finance methods in their liability and malpractice program.

Given our size and over a \$1 Billion in property assets, Marquette's risk finance and liability program contain levels of self-retention and deductibles in the primary layers usually requested in certificate limits and credentialing requests that smaller firms may need to insure. Marquette backs up its financial assets with excess coverage placed with qualified, high rated insurers as part of a professional risk management program as available and appropriate. The risk finance program includes both self-insured and insured exposures well in excess of \$1,000,000 limits and includes medical/dental treatment protection that meets and exceeds statutory malpractice requirements of \$1,000,000 each, \$3,000,000 aggregate. Marquette University has adequate resources to fund limits that may fall under deductibles or self-retained or self-insured programs. We cannot easily go bankrupt or leave town to avoid a legal claim or suit.

All Marquette departments including our College of Health Sciences and Physical Therapy, School of Nursing and Dentistry and Faculty Practice and Clinic activities and their respective affiliation agreements are included in the risk management program as part of the larger Marquette University legal entity.

We have ceased routinely forwarding certificates of insurance as they leave a false impression on how primary limits are financed and incorrectly conveys that our financial responsibility would stop on some future expiration date. They also create an administrative burden; i.e., evidencing the same primary limits, which usually does not disclose retention layers, to hundreds of vendors, or for short term affiliation agreements etc. We find that numerous certificates often are requested by the same organization to different Marquette departments/disciplines who may work with the same entity. Please be assured that any contractual indemnification shall not be reduced by existence or non-existence, limitation, amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable under Workers Compensation laws or other liability insurance policy conditions.

Hopefully this explanation, our size and longevity of operations provides the security you expect from a certificate of insurance, especially in the current environment when many insurers' assets are compromised and less than our own. **Please communicate this letter to your corporate insurance/risk management representatives and have them call me at 414-288-1552 if there are any questions.**

Sincerely,



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Director of Risk Management