**74:32:06:03.  Investigation and defense costs.** The secretary may investigate and settle any claim or suit. The obligation to defend and defense costs terminate if the reimbursement limit provided for in SDCL 34A-13-28 is met by judgments or settlements for compensatory damages or cleanup costs reimbursed under chapter 74:32:03.

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