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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.  
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.  
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable S. Chris Jones  
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

**FROM:** Cynthia B. Jones 

**SUBJECT:** Amendments to the Developmental Disabilities Waivers

The 2016 Appropriation Act, Item 306 CCCC.4, states for any state plan amendments or waiver changes to effectuate the provisions of paragraphs CCCC1 and CCCC2, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall provide, prior to submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, notice to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and post such changes and make them easily accessible on the department's website.

The following amendments are being submitted by DMAS for the following purpose:

1. Provide CMS with requested rate methodology information for select waiver services, CMS requested EPSDT language, customized rates information and slot adjustments. Target submission date February 28, 2017.
2. Add new services to the DD waivers. These are services that the General Assembly approved, but delayed implementation until July 2017 (Benefits Planning, Community Guide and Peer Support Services, and Non-medical Transportation). Target submission date March 31, 2017.

The Departments of Medical Assistance Services and Behavioral Health and Developmental Services continue to work diligently to implement the redesign of Virginia's three DD waivers. These amendments will be posted for public comment consistent with CMS requirements. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (804) 786-8099.

pc: The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr., M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources