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MEMORANDUM

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

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

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Director, Department of Planning and Budget

FROM: Jennifer S. Lee, M.D. *JL*
Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

SUBJECT: Report on Tracking of Development Disability Waiver Slot Costs.
Placements/Living Situation and Services due October 1, 2018

This report is submitted in compliance with Item 303.I.4f of the 2018 Appropriation Act which states: "The Department of Medical Assistance Services, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services, shall separately track all costs, placements and services associated with the additional slots added in paragraphs I.4.a, I.4.b., and I.4.c of this Item. By October 1 of each year, the department shall report this data to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget."

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (804) 786-8099.

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Enclosure

pc: The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Tracking of Development Disability Waiver Slot Costs. Placements/Living Situation and Services

A Report to the Virginia General Assembly

October 1, 2018

Report Mandate:

Item 303.1.4.f of the 2018 Appropriations Act states, "The Department of Medical Assistance Services, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services, shall separately track all costs, placements and services associated with the additional slots added in paragraphs 1.4.a, 1.4.b., and 1.4.c of this Item. By October 1 of each year, the department shall report this data to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget."

Background

The General Assembly has requested an annual report detailing costs, placements/living situation and services data for the Community Living (CL), Family and Individual Supports (FIS) and Building Independence (BI) Developmental Disability (DD) waiver slots appropriated by the General Assembly as follows:

1.4.a. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall amend the CL waiver to add 189 new slots effective July 1, 2018 and an additional 195 slots effective July 1, 2019. An amount estimated at \$8,156,426 the first year and \$16,537,788 the second year from the general fund and \$8,156,426 the first year and \$16,537,788 the second year from non-general funds is provided to cover the anticipated costs of the new slots. These estimated amounts assumes that 60 of the additional slots in each year may be filled with individuals transitioning from facility care. DMAS shall seek federal approval for necessary changes to the CL waiver to add the additional slots.

1.4.b. DMAS shall amend the FIS waiver to add 414 new slots effective July 1, 2018 and an additional 481 slots effective July 1, 2019. An amount estimated at \$6,347,617 the first year and \$13,720,427 the second year from the general fund and \$6,347,617 the first year and \$13,720,427 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to cover the anticipated costs of the new slots. DMAS shall seek federal approval for necessary changes to the FIS waiver to add the additional slots.

1.4.c. DMAS shall amend the BI waiver to add 40 new slots effective July 1, 2019. An amount estimated at \$257,680 the second year from the general fund and \$257,680 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided to cover the anticipated costs of the new slots. DMAS shall seek federal approval for necessary changes to the BI waiver to add the additional slots.

About DMAS and Medicaid

DMAS' mission is to ensure Virginia's Medicaid enrollees receive high-quality and cost-effective health care.

Medicaid plays a critical role in the lives of more than a million Virginians. Medicaid enrollees include children, pregnant women, parents and care takers, older adults and individuals with disabilities. Virginians must meet income thresholds and other eligibility criteria before qualifying to receive Medicaid benefits.

Medicaid covers primary and specialty health care, inpatient care, and behavioral health and addiction and recovery treatment services. Medicaid also covers long-term services and supports, making it possible for thousands of Virginians to remain in their homes or to access residential and nursing home care.

Quick Medicaid facts:

- Covers 1 in 8 Virginians
- Covers 1 in 3 births and 33% of children
- Supports 2 in 3 nursing facility residents

Virginia Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and are jointly funded by Virginia and the federal government under the Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act. Virginia generally receives \$1 of federal matching funds for every \$1 Virginia spends on Medicaid.

Overview

For FY 2019, the General Assembly approved 1,695 new slots as demonstrated below in Table 1.

Slot Distribution (FY19-FY20)	FY19	FY20	Total
CL Facility Transitions	60	60	120
CL Regular (No Restrictions)	129	135	264
CL Reserve/Emergency	25	25	50
FIS Regular (No Restrictions)	414	481	895
FIS Priority 1 Waitlist	-	326	326
BI Regular (No Restrictions)	-	40	40
Total	628	1,067	1,695

Of the 1,695 new slots, the Appropriations Act (Item 303.I.4.f) requires annual tracking of the 1,319 slots (highlighted yellow in the above table) outlined in I.4.a, I.4.b., and I.4.c.

The above referenced FY 2019 CL and FIS “regular” waiver slots were recently (September 2018) distributed to the Community Services Boards (CSBs). As such, cost data for placement/living situation and services is not available.

DMAS and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) used this reporting cycle to outline the specific data that will be provided in the forthcoming years. The responsibility of each agency has been identified with all data elements being defined.

Cost Tracking

In order to track costs, DBHDS will track unique identifiers using the Medicaid identification number for the 1,319 slots. Because slots can turnover throughout a given fiscal year, some of the identified slots may have more than one associated unique identifier. In these instances, DBHDS will report on how many slots were filled by more than one individual (at different times) throughout the fiscal year.

Prior to the reporting period, DBHDS will send to DMAS a list of all unique identifiers for the slots associated with this report mandate. DMAS will query their cost system using the Medicaid ID number, and provide DBHDS with the aggregate monthly expenses for each Medicaid ID number. The reported expenses should only include those expenses that correspond with a DD waiver.

DBHDS will then utilize this data to populate an annual comprehensive report.

Because providers have up to one year to bill for services, and costs (particularly for the first year) are not annualized, providing costs on a per member per month basis will be more accurate.

Placement/Living Situation

For each individual occupying one of the DD waiver slots per the report mandate, DBHDS will report, in aggregate, their living situation as defined by the chosen living situation entered in the Waiver Management System (WaMS) by the support coordinator. See defined living situations in Table 2.

Living Situation	Definition
Building Independence	Individuals are adults (18 and older) receiving supports to secure and maintain an independent living situation in the community. Includes all persons on a BI waiver regardless of living situation.
Group Home	Individuals reside in a DBHDS licensed group home that provides individualized supports and services to enable him/her to reside successfully in the community.
Living Independently	An individual resides in his/her own apartment/house in the community. The individual may reside with a roommate of his/her choosing.
Living with Family	An individual resides in their family home. Services are individualized and designed to support him/her in their home and community. Family is parents or relatives who are typically unpaid.
Sponsored Residential	Individuals reside in a DBHDS licensed sponsored residential home where the homeowners (sponsors) are paid to provide the supports necessary for the individual to reside successfully in the community.
Supported Living	Individuals reside in an apartment setting operated by a DBHDS licensed provider that provides ‘round the clock availability of staff who support individuals to reside successfully in the community.

Services

In subsequent years, this annual report will include the specific authorized DD waiver services for the individuals receiving one of the slots included in paragraphs I.4.a, I.4.b., and I.4.c of Item 303. DBHDS will display this information in aggregate by waiver type.

Future Data Reporting

While the above referenced data could not be assembled for this annual report. Future reports will contain the following information.

FY 2020 – Report including data for individuals receiving an FY 2019 slot (603 slots).

FY 2021 – Report including data for individuals receiving an FY 2019 or FY 2020 slot (1,319 slots).