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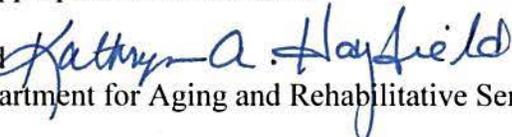
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
Co-Chairmen, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable S. Chris Jones
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Kathryn A. Hayfield 
Commissioner, Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

SUBJECT: State Behavioral Health Hospital Discharges to Auxiliary Grant Supportive Housing

In response to the 2019 Appropriation Act, Item 343 A4, DARS, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services reports that between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, there were no discharges from state behavioral health hospitals to the Auxiliary Grant Supportive Housing (AGSH) program. During this period, the Code of Virginia did not permit direct discharges from state behavioral health hospitals to AGSH. Individuals could only access AGSH after residing in an assisted living facility (ALF) for one year. Effective July 1, 2019, House Bill 2017 (Peace), will allow an individual to enter AGSH directly without prior residence in an ALF. We anticipate that next year's report will reflect this policy change.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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