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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Janet D. Howell
Chair, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Barry D. Knight
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

Michael Maul
Director, Department of Planning and Budget

FROM: Cheryl Roberts
Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

SUBJECT: Annual Report: CL and FIS Waiver Costs Tracker Report

This report is submitted in compliance with the Virginia Acts of the Assembly – Item 304.J.4.c., which states:

“The Department of Medical Assistance Services, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, shall separately track all costs associated with the additional slots added in paragraphs J.4.a. and J.4.b. above. By December 1 of each year, the department shall report this data to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations 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) 664-2660.

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Enclosure

Pc: The Honorable John Littel, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Annual: Community Living (CL) and Family and Individual Support (FIS) Waiver Costs Tracker Report

A Report to the Virginia General Assembly

October 28, 2022

Report Mandate:

Item 304.J.4.c of the 2022 Appropriation Act, stated, "The Department of Medical Assistance Services, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, shall separately track all costs associated with the additional slots added in paragraphs J.4.a. and J.4.b. above. By December 1 of each year, the department shall report this data to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget."

Costs Associated with Additional Slots Effective July 1, 2023

Since the funding for the above slots commences 7/1/2023, there are no costs to report at this time. The first full reporting of the costs associated with the additional FY24 slots will be in calendar year 2024. However, the report associated with Item 311(L) of the 2022 Appropriation Act provides a detailed report for each fiscal year on the budget, expenditures, and number of recipients for each specific Developmental Disabilities waiver by specific waiver for all slots. This report will be produced by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services in conjunction with the Department of Medical Assistance Services by September 30th.

The mission of the Virginia Medicaid agency is to improve the health and well-being of Virginians through access to high-quality health care coverage.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) administers Virginia's Medicaid and CHIP programs for over 2 million Virginians. Members have access to primary and specialty health services, inpatient care, dental, behavioral health as well as addiction and recovery treatment services. In addition, Medicaid long-term services and supports enable thousands of Virginians to remain in their homes or to access residential and nursing home care.

Medicaid members historically have included children, pregnant women, parents and caretakers, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. In 2019, Virginia expanded the Medicaid eligibility rules to make health care coverage available to more than 600,000 newly eligible, low-income adults.

Medicaid and CHIP (known in Virginia as Family Access to Medical Insurance Security, or FAMIS) are jointly funded by Virginia and the federal government under Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act. Virginia generally receives a dollar-for-dollar federal spending match in the Medicaid program. Medicaid expansion qualifies the Commonwealth for a federal funding match of no less than 90% for newly eligible adults, generating cost savings that benefit the overall state budget.