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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable L. Louise Lucas  
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Luke E. Torian  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Mark D. Sickles  
Vice Chair, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Karen Shelton, MD  
State Health Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health

SUBJECT: State Funding of Abortions in Cases of Fetal Anomalies

This report is submitted in compliance with the Virginia Acts of the Assembly – [Appropriation Act - Item 275 F. \(Special Session I, 2024\)](#), which states:

*The Virginia Department of Health shall report for each month within 30 days after the end of each month, on the number of procedures approved for payment pursuant to § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia, and include a description of the nature of the fetal abnormality, to the extent permitted by law, as required for eligibility under § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia. The department shall report the information by letter to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.*

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (804) 864-7006.

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Enclosure

Pc: The Honorable Janet Vestal Kelly, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The Virginia Appropriation Act - Item 275 F. (Special Session I, 2024) requires the Virginia Department of Health to submit monthly reports to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. The reports shall include the number of procedures approved for payment pursuant to § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia and a description of the nature of the fetal abnormality, to the extent permitted by law, as required for eligibility under § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia.

Descriptions of the nature of the anomalies are withheld pursuant to Code of Virginia §§ 32.1-41, 32.1-127.1:03, and 2.2-3705.5(1), as well as the Richmond Circuit Court's ruling in *The Family Foundation v. Oliver* (2020).

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**MONTHLY REPORT**

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**STATE FUNDING OF ABORTIONS IN CASES OF FETAL ANOMALIES MANDATE**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of applications received</b>	<b>Number of applications approved</b>	<b>Nature of the fetal abnormality*</b>
July 2024	4	4	--
August 2024	3	3	--
September 2024	3	3	--
October 2024	6	6	--
November 2024			
December 2024			
January 2025			
February 2025			
March 2025			
April 2025			
May 2025			
June 2025			
July 2025			
August 2025			
September 2025			
October 2025			
November 2025			
December 2025			
January 2026			
February 2026			
March 2026			
April 2026			
May 2026			
June 2026			

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