Memorandum

To: The Honorable Helio Melo  
   Chairman, House Finance Committee  

   The Honorable Daniel DaPonte  
   Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Thomas A. Mullaney  
   Executive Director/State Budget Officer

Date: May 17, 2012

Subject: Amendments to Article 17 of the FY 2013 Appropriations Act (12-H-7323)

The Governor requests that Article 17 – Relating to Medical Assistance – Dental Benefits be removed from the FY 2013 Appropriations Act. This will require the restoration of general revenue appropriations of $2.7 million and federal funds appropriation of $2.9 million, both of which will be reflected in amendments to Article 1 to be submitted as a separate request. Subsequent to the submission of the Governor’s original budget, the Office of Health and Human Services was able to obtain an agreement with Neighborhood Health Plan to provide a contribution to the state in the amount of $1.8 million for the adult dental program. As a result of this contribution and the important nature of this service, the Governor requests that this program be restored in its entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact John Young at 432-0613.

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