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### Memorandum

**To:** The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable William Conley, Jr.  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

**From:** Thomas A. Mullaney *Thomas A. Mullaney*  
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**Date:** July 13, 2020

**Subject:** Amendments to Article 20 of the FY 2020 Appropriations Act (20-H-7171)

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to Article 20 – Relating to Healthcare Reform of the FY 2021 Appropriations Act. The amendments are to clarify the intent of certain language, address concerns raised by constituent groups and to establish a sunset for section 14. The requested amendments are as follows:

Page 589, line 8 insert “the “Cost Trend Steering Committee”” after “the Executive Office of Health and Human Services”.

Page 589, line 12 delete “consumer price index” and replace with “projected state domestic product”.

Page 589, line 17 change “grown” to “growth”.

Page 589, line 32 delete “practice of”.

Page 591, lines 12 and 13 delete “at the time the contribution is calculated and paid” and replace with “as of December 31 of the proceeding calendar year.”.

Page 591, line 16 insert “per year” after “enrollee”.

Page 591, line 16 insert “The funding contribution shall be established based upon the anticipated spending necessary to administer the program as set forth in section 42-7.5-10. Any amount”.

collected in excess of the actual amount spent for the program pursuant to section 42-7.5-10 shall be used to reduce the funding contribution required for the following calendar year” after “all insurers”.

Page 592, line 28 delete “requirements” and replace with “program”.

Page 593, line 2 delete “Requirements” from the section title.

Page 593, line 6 insert “, based on the input of the Cost Trend Steering Committee,” after “Program”.

Page 593, line 6 replace “include the maintenance of” with “maintain”.

Page 593, line 9 delete “The Program will”.

Page 593, line 13 insert “Said annual reports shall be presented at a public meeting to obtain input and comment prior to submission to the Governor and General Assembly.” after “General Assembly.”

Page 593, insert after line 13 “(e) Compliance by any person to meet the annual Health Care Cost Growth Target shall be voluntary.”

Page 593, line 15 insert “and section 14 shall sunset on July 1, 2026” after “upon passage”

Please feel free to contact Marie Ganim at the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner with any questions about these requested changes.

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