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## MEMORANDUM

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

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

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**Date:** March 25, 2019

**Subject:** Amendments to Article 16 of the FY 2020 Appropriations Act  
 (19-H-5151)

The Governor requests that Article 16 entitled "Relating to Medical Assistance" be amended as follows.

Section 5 amends RIGL 40-8.9-9 to limit the rate increase for hospice providers delivering hospice care in a skilled nursing facility. To clarify that the intention of this amendment is to exempt hospice provider reimbursement for room and board expenses for individuals residing in a skilled nursing facility from the rate increases described in this section, the Governor proposes the following amending language.

Replace all language starting on page 398, Line 8, beginning with "(6) Effective July 1, 2019" through page 398, Line 16, ending with "base rate increase shall be by" with the following:

(6) Effective upon passage of this section, hospice provider reimbursement, exclusively for room and board expenses for individuals residing in a skilled nursing facility, shall revert to the rate methodology in effect on June 30, 2018 and these room and board expenses shall be exempted from any and all annual rate increases to hospice providers as provided for in this section.

(6) (7) On the first of July in each year, beginning on July 1, 2019, the executive office of health and human services will initiate an annual inflation increase to the base rate for home care providers, home nursing care providers, and hospice providers contracted with the executive office and its subordinate agencies to deliver Medicaid fee-for-service skilled nursing and therapeutic services and hospice care. The base rate increase shall be by

Section 10 amends RIGL 42-14.6-4 to repeal the sunset provision for the Patient Centered Medical Home program to align state law with the current actual state of the program. A drafting error in

the language as proposed erroneously strikes reference to the commissioner. To correct this the Governor proposes the following amendment:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
16	Page 404, Line 30 and 31	Remove the strike from the words, “the commissioner and the” and delete the additional word “The” so that only the words “By January 1, 2013” are stricken and no new language is added to line 31.

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please feel free to call me at 222-6300.

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