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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Bill Lippert, Chair, House Committee on Health Care

From: Steven M. Costantino, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven M. Costantino".

Cc: Hal Cohen, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

Date: April 7, 2016

Re: DVHA requests modification to S.245

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) respectfully requests the following modification to S.245, An act relating to notice to patients of new health care provider affiliations, as passed by the Senate. The effective date for Section 2 is currently July 1, 2016. DVHA is requesting that the effective date of Section 3 be changed to January 1, 2017 in order to align with Medicare policy pursuant to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015.

Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 1905a is added to read:

§ 1905a. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS TO CERTAIN OUTPATIENT PROVIDERS

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall not increase a provider's Medicaid reimbursement rates for outpatient medical services provided at an off-campus outpatient department of a hospital as a result of the provider's transfer to or acquisition by the hospital.

(b) As used in this section, "off-campus" means a facility located more than 250 yards from the main hospital campus.

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Secs. 1 and 2 (notice of new affiliation) shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

(b) Sec. 3 (33 V.S.A. § 1905a) shall take effect on ~~July 1, 2016~~ **January 1, 2017** and shall apply to all providers transferred to or acquired by a hospital on or after the date of passage of this act.

(c) Secs. 4 and 5 (Green Mountain Care Board reports) and this section shall take effect on passage.
