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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Representative Mitzi Johnson, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

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

Date: March 18, 2015

Subject: Health care provisions in Governor's proposed FY 2016 budget

The House Health Care Committee appreciated the opportunity to review the health care provisions in the Governor's proposed FY 2016 budget.

The Committee already addressed the following provisions in its committee bill H.481, An act relating to supporting health care initiatives and establishing payroll and sugar-sweetened beverage taxes:

- Investments in the Blueprint for Health (Sec. E.307.3 of the proposed budget)
- Increased Medicaid reimbursement and prospective payments for home health agencies (Sec. E.307.4)
- Investment in health home funding (Sec. E.307.5)
- Increased Medicaid reimbursements to address the cost shift (Sec. E.307.6)
- Cost shift accountability (Sec. E.307.7)

The Health Care Committee recommends inclusion in the budget of the remaining provisions on which the Appropriations Committee requested input, which are:

- Extension of emergency rulemaking authority (E.306)
- Extension for converting VPharm and Health Vermonters eligibility standard (Sec. E.307)
- Conversion from quarterly to annual report on Pharmacy Best Practices and Cost Control Program (Sec. E.307.1)
- Modification of due dates for quarterly Medicaid enrollment and expenditure reports (Sec. E.307.2)
- Repeal of Department of Vermont Health Access cost shift report (Sec. E.307.8)