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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Claire Ayer, Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
Senator Tim Ashe, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance
Representative Bill Lippert, Chair, House Committee on Health Care

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



Cc: Hal Cohen, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

Date: April 6, 2016

Re: Review of Medicaid Services Delivered via Telemedicine to Patients Outside a Health Care Facility, Per Act 54 of the 2015 Legislative Session

Per Act 54 of the 2015 Legislative Session, on October 1, 2015, the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) began reimbursing Medicaid-enrolled providers for primary care consultations delivered through telemedicine to Medicaid beneficiaries outside a health care facility. This memorandum serves as a report providing updates on service utilization during the first six months of implementation.

As of March 18, 2016, DVHA has received one application from a provider interested in providing primary care consultations via telemedicine to patients outside health care facilities. To date, no providers have submitted claims for Medicaid reimbursement for primary care consultations via telemedicine outside a health care facility.

In October 2016, DVHA will review data on billing and utilization of primary care consultations delivered through telemedicine outside a health care facility. This will represent one year from date of implementation.