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MEMORANDUM

To: Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare
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From: Representative Bill Lippert, Chair, House Committee on Health Care

Date: May 3, 2017 *Bill Lippert*

Subject: Home health provider-facilitated telemedicine

The House Committee on Health Care has focused recent efforts on increasing access to health care services by expanding health insurance coverage for telemedicine to include services delivered to Vermonters in their homes. In the course of the Committee's deliberations on S.50, An act relating to insurance coverage for telemedicine services delivered in or outside a health care facility, the VNAs of Vermont identified home health providers as having the potential to play an important role in assisting their clients in using telemedicine at home.

The Committee therefore respectfully requests that the VNAs of Vermont, in consultation with and with cooperation from the Department of Vermont Health Access, the Blueprint for Health, MVP Healthcare, BlueCross and Blue Shield of Vermont, and other interested public and private stakeholders, review existing literature and consider whether and under what circumstances home health providers should be reimbursed by Medicaid and commercial health insurance plans for facilitating and supporting the use of telemedicine in their clients' homes. We further request that the parties report their findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance on or before December 15, 2017.