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Bill Lippert, Chair
House Committee on Health Care
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Dear Chair Lippert,

The Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA) supports a process for reviewing cost sharing amounts for the full range of pain prevention, management, and treatment services. We are concerned that changing the cost sharing levels for some services will have adverse effects on cost sharing for other services because plans must remain in compliance with federally mandated actuarial values. We believe appropriate cost sharing levels for each of these services should be determined for future plan years in the context of the overall plan design process.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

s\ Mike Fisher

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