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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. William Lippert, Chair, House Committee on Health Care
Sen. Claire Ayer, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Welfare
Sen. Ann Cummings, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

CC: Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

FROM: Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access 

DATE: December 21, 2017

RE: [Act 25 of 2017](#), Section 3 – Enrollment Trends in Bronze-Level Qualified Health Plans

Act 25 of 2017, Sec. 3 amends Act 165 of 2016, Sec. 6 OUT-OF-POCKET PRESCRIPTION DRUG LIMITS; 2018 PILOTS; REPORTS to include the following report language:

On or before February 1, 2018, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance: (1) enrollment trends in bronze-level qualified health benefit plans offered on the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange; and (2) recommendations from the advisory group established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section regarding (A) whether there is a need for flexibility in the design of bronze-level plans on the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange for plan years after plan year 2019; and (B) if there is a continued need for flexibility in the design of bronze plans, options for enabling that flexibility without limiting or eroding the value or availability of the protection afforded by the out-of-pocket prescription drug limit established in 8 V.S.A. §4089i.

Enrollment into 2018 qualified health plans will be complete in December; however, DVHA does not have instant access to enrollment information for individuals and small businesses enrolling directly with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont and MVP Healthcare (approximately two-thirds of the QHP market). Comprehensive enrollment information to support this report will not be available until mid-January.

The Department of Vermont Health Access requests a one-month extension to submit this report and recommendations to legislative committees until March 1. This timing will allow DVHA to report with full 2018 bronze plan enrollment information and recommendations from the broad-based stakeholder group founded on comprehensive results.