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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Lippert, Chair, House Committee on Health Care

From: Representative Kitty Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Date: January 17, 2019

Subject: Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2019 Budget Adjustment

As you know, the House Appropriations Committee has started work on the FY 2019 Governor's proposed budget adjustment. We inadvertently forgot to include language on the Section 1115 waiver to cover treatment for serious mental illness. Please add the following to your review.

Language Section Addition:

Sec. 4. – INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL DISEASE; GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

(a) The Secretary of Human Services may seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 waiver to cover treatment for serious mental illness (SMI) provided in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs).

EXPLANATION: CMS now allows states to seek waivers from the IMD Exclusion rule. This language will allow AHS to consider seeking such a waiver.

Note: this section has also been sent to the House Committee on Human Services.

Thank you for your review and consideration.