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TO: Representative Lippert, Chair
House Committee on Health Care

FROM: Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, BCBSVT

RE: GMCB Industry Billback

All GMCB billback amounts, as with other state and federal government taxes and fees, are included in the premiums for the fully insured members whose health insurance rates are reviewed and approved by the GMCB. These are the individual and small employers purchasing through the Vermont ACA Exchange, and large group employers. Shifting additional costs of the GMCB budget to the regulated entities is a policy choice to have these costs paid for by select health insurance ratepayers rather than through broad-based tax sources. The mission and tasks of the GMCB encompass activities that are beyond the scope of direct insurance, hospital, and ACO regulation and it is inappropriate to pass the costs for those additional activities to the directly regulated consumers.

Below is a chart showing total GMCB billback over the past 8 years.

Chart of GMCB Billback FY13-FY20

GMCB Billback	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	8 YR %	CAGR
BCBSVT portion	158,191	363,747	728,547	666,157	596,798	1,532,596				
Insurance Subtotal	296,313	668,058	1,105,725	1,159,805	1,139,453	1,900,805	1,280,000	2,372,000	701%	30%
Hospital Subtotal	98,804	222,749	368,575	386,602	420,901	672,706	1,120,000	2,965,000	2901%	53%
ACO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	155,000	593,000	N/A	N/A
GMCB Billback Total	395,117	890,807	1,474,300	1,546,407	1,560,354	2,573,511	2,555,000	5,930,000	1401%	40%
Source: GMCB Annual Billback Reports; Jean Stetter Presentation to W&M 2/8/19										
CAGR = compound annual growth rate										
Nominal Dollars										