

**Addendum to House Committee on Health Care FY24 Budget Recommendations**

After submission of our recommendations yesterday, the House Committee on Health Care realized we had not sufficiently represented our recommendation regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates for home health agencies. Please substitute this paragraph for the middle paragraph on page 1 of our March 2 memo:

The Committee on Health Care’s proposals that were not in the Governor’s recommended budget would require just over **\$10 million in State funding** and would draw down an additional **\$11 million in federal funds**. While we ranked some of our highest priorities, we strongly urge the Committee on Appropriations to support all of our priorities. By doing so, we will be supporting a continuum of care that is vital to the sustainability of our health care system and, most importantly, to the health of Vermonters.

And please substitute this for the row on the top of page 3 of our March 2 memo:

	DVHA  (VNAs of Vermont – home health agencies)		Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates 100% of Medicare Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) rates for skilled home health services effective January 1, 2024  Applies to home health agencies and to independently enrolled nursing services for high tech care	\$534,998  NOTE: \$796,995 also needs to be appropriated in FY24 to account for FY23 BAA rate increase to 90% of Medicare LUPA	Support	#3 highest priority	The story of underfunding our system of care continues with our home health agencies. It is more cost-effective to have skilled nurses caring for Vermonters in their homes than in hospitals, and it opens up hospital beds for those who need a hospital level of care.  HHC also supports allowing home health provider tax to sunset
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