

Good evening, Chair Houghton,

I'm reaching out with some additional information regarding my testimony last week on S.109. DVHA received follow-up questions, and we are able to provide the following response:

1. Do we have a way to measure prevention, such as data on how many Medicaid members experience pregnancy complications such as C-sections?
  - a. DVHA does not have specific data sets on pregnancy outcomes for Medicaid members, or for the overall state population. We are following up on any information we may have, and we would also suggest that the Vermont Department of Health would likely have more information available. We would also look to them for any data regarding the general, non-Medicaid, population.
  - b. If there are exact outcomes the committee would like us to look into, we can ask the DVHA data team to do an analysis of claims we received and paid for a specific code or set of codes. This data pull would give us an exact number of claims VT Medicaid received for an outcome of interest, but it can take a while. If this is something the committee would be interested in, please let me know.

Additionally, there was a question as to whether the current language in [Sec 2 b\(3\)](#) is sufficient to compel DVHA to look at other states and studies in our analysis. I can confirm my initial response to the committee that we believe the current language is sufficient to include a review of other states and existing studies.

Please reach out at any time if I can offer any additional information on behalf of the Department.

Thank you for your service to Vermonters,

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