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TO: House Health Care Committee

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RE: Follow-up questions to 1/10/23 Testimony

DATE: 1/11/2023

Below please find answers to questions I was asked during my testimony on Vermont's Health Care System on 1/10/23.

1) Can you provide us with State population data by age?

Here is a link to population data from the Vermont Health Department. https://www.healthvermont.gov/health-statistics-vital-records/vital-records-population-data/vermont-population-estimates

2) Can you share the link to the Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey?

https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/VT%20Household%20Health%20Insurance%20Survey%202021%20Report%205.6.22.pdf

3) What optional Medicaid services do we cover?

This question was referring to slide 46 (see link below) which lists mandatory and options services under Medicaid. I had said I wasn't sure which of the listed optional services we covered. However, this is actually a list of all of the optional services we cover. Apologies for the confusion.

https://ljfo.vermont.gov/assets/Subjects/Issue-Briefs-and-Other-Health-Care-Related-Information/89c753efd2/GENERAL-365161-v1-2022 Vermonts Health Care System - Update-v3.pdf

4) Definition of Childless New Adults

When someone is determined eligible for Medicaid, they fall in to one of many Medicaid Eligibility Groups (MEGs). Child New Adult is just one of many MEGs. Someone who falls under this MEG is usually 19 or older, at or below 138% FPL (\$18,754 for an individual), and have no children in the Household. For more information on other MEGs please see the FY 2023 DVHA budget book (starting on page 106). There is a lot of information here but you may find it useful.

https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/Budget Legislative Rules/DVHA %20SFY21%20Annual%20Report SFY23%20Gov%20Rec With%20Vantage.pdf

5) Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

The general eligibility for CHIP is age 18 or younger, family income up to 312% FPL (roughly \$84,000 for a family of four), and uninsured. This is one of the few Medicaid populations for which there is a premium (which is a family premium, regardless of how many children in the family, that ranges between \$0 and \$60 depending on the household income). For more information please see page 121 of the link above.

If any of the committee members want to follow-up and/or have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Regards,

Nolan