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Senate Committee on Health and Welfare  
Vermont State House  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

**Re: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont's Current HIV Prescription Drug Coverage**

Dear Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont, I submit this memorandum to outline Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont's current HIV prescription drug coverage for its members. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont is the State's only local, non-profit health plan with the mission to make health care work better for all Vermonters by covering approximately 200,000 of our neighbors in the health insurance marketplace.

**Current HIV Prescription Drug Coverage**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont currently provides our members with HIV prescription drug coverage that goes beyond what is legally required. Specifically, our coverage approach offers:

- pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) prescription drugs without any prior authorization or step therapy and no cost-sharing through a waiver process; and
- post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) prescription drugs that are immediately accessible without any prior authorization or step therapy.

Notably, members who have wellness riders attached to their health insurance plan bypass plan deductibles for *any* HIV prescription drugs.

As always, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont is happy to answer any questions about our HIV prescription drug coverage that may exist. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Stephanie Ibey*

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