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The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Chair

Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chair

House Appropriations Committee

900 East Main Street

Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Senator Howell and Delegate Torian:

Pursuant to Item 311.L of the 2022 Appropriation Act, the purpose of this letter is to report on Developmental Disabilities (DD) waivers’ services’ expenditures and recipient numbers in SFY 2023.

Specifically, the language requires:

*L. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services in collaboration with the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall provide a detailed report for each fiscal year on the budget, expenditures, and number of recipients for each specific intellectual disability (ID) and developmental disability (DD) service provided through the Medicaid program or other programs in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. This report shall also include the overall budget and expenditures for the ID, DD and Day Support waivers separately. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall provide the necessary information to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services 90 days after the end of each fiscal year. This information shall be published on the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services' website within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year.*

**Summary of DD Waiver Services’ Expenditures and Individuals Served in FY23**

The total number of unique recipients includes individuals who are receiving more than one waiver service and is distinct from the total number of individuals receiving a DD waiver. It should be noted that FY23’s totals are higher than the past two fiscal years’ totals (i.e., FY22’s unique total was 28,576and FY21’s unique total was 15,331), indicating a recovery from the low, pandemic-related totals that were a result of individuals’ and their family members’ reluctance or inability to participate in needed services. In fact, FY23’s total of unique recipients’ is even higher than FY20’s total (47,837), which was largely pre-pandemic.

Sincerely,

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