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MEMORANDUM

TO: BRIAN MCCORMICK
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FROM: ELIZABETH A. MCDONALD
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DATE: June 18, 2008

SUBJECT: Fast Track Regulation regarding Hospital and Specialized Care Reimbursement

I have reviewed the attached proposed regulations regarding simplifying hospital and specialized care reimbursement.

Based on that review, it is my view that the Director, acting on behalf of the Board pursuant to Va. Code § 32.1-324, has the authority to promulgate these regulations, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act and has not exceeded that authority. However, if an objection to the use of the fast-track process is received within the public comment period from 10 or more persons, any member of the applicable standing committee of either house of the General Assembly or of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall (i) file notice of the objection with the Registrar of Regulations for publication in the Virginia Register, and (ii) proceed with the normal promulgation process set out in this article with the

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initial publication of the fast-track regulation serving as the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to call me at 786-3890.

cc: Kim F. Piner, Esquire

Attachment