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MEMORANDUM

TO: BRIAN MCCORMICK
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FROM: ELIZABETH A. MCDONALD
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DATE: December 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Fast Track Regulations regarding Money Follows the Person Program Changes

I have reviewed the attached fast track regulations regarding Money Follows the Person program changes.

Based on that review, it is my view that the Director, acting on behalf of the Board of Medical Assistance Services 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. These regulations will enable the Director, in lieu of the Board of Medical Assistance Services, to create a system of long-term care services and supports that enables available funds to “follow the person” by supporting individuals who choose to transition from long-term care institutions into the community. 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 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.

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