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MEMORANDUM

- TO: EMILY MCCLELLAN Regulatory Supervisor Department of Medical Assistance Services
- FROM: ELIZABETH M. GUGGENHEIM Assistant Attorney General

DATE: March 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Fast Track regulation package regarding the repeal of CCC Program regulations

I have reviewed the attached fast track regulation package, which repeals the regulations associated with the Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) Program (in 2017, DMAS implemented a new managed long-term services and supports (LTSS) initiative, known as CCC Plus. Once the CCC Plus program was implemented, all members who had been served by the old CCC program were transitioned into the new program, and the CCC program ended on December 31, 2017). Based on that review, it is my view that the Director, acting on behalf of the Board pursuant to Virginia Code § 32.1-324, has the authority to repeal the regulations, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act and has not exceeded that authority.

Please be aware that this review is based solely upon whether DMAS has the legal authority to repeal these regulations, not the appropriateness of whether the regulations should be repealed pursuant to the fast track process. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4012.1, 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 contact me at 786-2071.

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