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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer *Joseph M. Codega Jr.*

Date: April 29, 2025

Subject: Amendments to FY 2026 Appropriations Act (25-H-5076)

Governor's Budget Amendment #20

The Governor requests that an amendment be made to the FY 2026 Appropriations Act. The amendment include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2026.

The amendment proposed reflects requests additional appropriations, including updates to available federal funds, in order to advance to September 1, 2026, rate recommendations for primary care services to be conducted by the Office of the Heath Insurance Commissioner (OHIC). The Governor's original FY 2026 budget submission had proposed including primary care services as part of OHIC's biennial rate review process -- due September 1, 2027 -- but the Administration now recommends an expedited review of primary care rates in advance of that process. An accompanying article amendment is also being submitted for this purpose.

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
Stephen Whitney, Senate Fiscal Advisor
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Brian Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026

SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026

Department of Business Regulation

Increase General Revenues in the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner, Page 6, Line 19 by \$225,000 from \$3,131,152 to \$3,356,152. This amendment reflects the general revenue portion to add primary care services to the biennial rate review conducted by OHIC, which is eligible for a 50% Medicaid match. The project cost would total \$450,000 all funds with \$50,000 anticipated to be spent in FY 2027 (26-DBR1).

Increase Federal Funds in the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner, Page 6, Line 20 by \$225,000 from \$239,300 to \$464,300. This amendment reflects the amount of anticipated federal match from Medicaid (50%) for to add primary care services to the biennial rate review conducted by OHIC. The project cost would total \$450,000 all funds with \$50,000 anticipated to be spent in FY 2027 (26-DBR1).