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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable William J. Conley, Jr.
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

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Date: March 13, 2019

Subject: Amendments to Article 16 of the FY 2020 Appropriations Act
(19-H-5151)

The Governor requests that Article 16 entitled "Relating to Medical Assistance" be amended as follows.

Section 9 adjusts RIGL 42-12.4 to conform with updated CMS waiver amendment requirements by eliminating the reference to Category II or Category III changes, which are no longer applicable under the current waiver process. However, by removing this reference, the Article inadvertently eliminates the requirement that the general assembly approve state plan amendments, while retaining assembly approval for waiver amendments. This proposed amendment would address this by explicitly requiring general assembly approval for state plan amendments.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
16	Page 404, Line 3	After the words "as defined in the demonstration," insert the following new language: " <u>or state plan amendments.</u> "

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

TAM: 20-Amend-9

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