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Chair Michael J. Rodrigues
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

Chair Aaron Michlewitz
House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

Chair Cindy F. Friedman
Joint Committee on Health Care Financing
State House, Room 313
Boston, MA 02133

Chair John Lawn, Jr.
Joint Committee on Health Care Financing
State House, Room 236
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairs Rodrigues, Michlewitz, Friedman, and Lawn:

Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022 line item 4000-0300 requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to submit a quarterly report including the projected total costs for the next fiscal year of pharmaceutical pipeline drugs identified by the executive office and expected to be made available for utilization within a 12-month period.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has identified 129 new pipeline market entries from 121 manufacturers expected to be made available for utilization between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024. The estimated spend on the expected utilization of these products for all MassHealth members (including members enrolled with managed care) is approximately \$17.1M for the same time-period. The prior quarterly report estimated an increased spend of \$22.1M based on the addition of 143 new pipeline market entries, from 130 manufacturers. The change from the last quarterly report was largely driven by the expected approval of two rare disease therapies and one hemophilia agent, prior to the evaluation period, which would no longer be considered pipeline products. This accounts for the approximately \$4.7M decrease from the previous report.

I am grateful for your continued support of the MassHealth program. Please feel free to contact Sarah Nordberg at Sarah.Nordberg@mass.gov should you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Levine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Levine

cc: Kathleen E. Walsh