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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 416A
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 107 new pipeline market entries from 99 manufacturers expected to be made available for utilization between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023. The estimated spend on the expected utilization of these products for all MassHealth members (including members enrolled with managed care) is approximately \$14.6M for the same time-period. The prior quarterly report estimated an increased spend of \$20.4M based on the addition of 109 new pipeline market entries, from 98 manufacturers. The change from the last quarterly report was largely driven by the removal of two gene therapies which have recently been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The approval of these products accounted for a \$5.6M reduction in the projected spend for pipeline drugs.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Marylou Sudders