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

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

Dear Chairs Rodrigues and Michlewitz,

Line item 4000-0601 of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023, requires the Office of Medicaid (MassHealth) to report to you the following information:

"(a) number of nursing facility clients on a leave of absence, delineated by the nursing facility, medical leave-of-absence days and medical leave-of-absence days that exceeded 10 days per hospital stay, nonmedical leave-of-absence days and the total number of days on leave of absence unduplicated member count; (b) monthly licensed bed capacity level per nursing home and the monthly total number of empty beds per nursing facility, total number of all nursing home residents and total MassHealth nursing home residents; (c) 6 separate MassHealth payment rates and the average payment amount rate per nursing facility client resident; (d) actual number of nursing home residents for each of the 6 payment rates in clause (c); and (e) aggregate payment amount per nursing facility by month"

Attached is one report with five sections containing the required information: (a) Medical and Non-Medical Leave of Absence Days at Nursing Facilities During FY23; (b) October 2023 Nursing Home Census; (c) Nursing Facility Rates as of October 2023; (d) MassHealth Residents by Payment & Category based on data for the month of July 2023; and (e) Aggregate Payment Amount per Nursing Facility by Month for SFY 2023.

I hope you find this report useful and informative. Please feel free to contact Sarah Nordberg at Sarah.Nordberg@mass.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Levine

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cc: Kathleen E. Walsh