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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 28 of the Acts of 2023 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 68 pipeline market entries from 70 manufacturers expected to be made available for utilization between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. The estimated spend on the expected utilization of these products for all MassHealth members (including those enrolled with managed care) is approximately \$24.8M for the same time period. The prior quarterly report estimated a spend of \$15.6M based on the addition of 84 pipeline market entries from 78 manufacturers. The majority of spend is anticipated from utilization of gene therapies for sickle cell disease, which also accounts for much of the increase in additional spend.

Please contact Sarah Nordberg at Sarah.Nordberg@mass.gov should you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

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