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The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer
Chair
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Norman H. Conway
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
121 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: FY14 Joint Chairmen's Report, page 64 - Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program Enrollment Status

Dear Chair Kasemeyer and Chair Conway:

Pursuant to page 64 of the Joint Chairman's Report of 2013, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) respectfully submits this report on the status of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program's (the Program) enrollment and cost data. Specifically, the Joint Chairmen's Report requested that the Budget Committees be provided with an update on the Program's enrollment and cost data for the first half of fiscal year 2014 (July 1 – December 31, 2013).

The Program was established in 1992 to provide breast cancer and cervical cancer diagnosis and treatment services to eligible Maryland residents. To be eligible for the program, a person must be a Maryland resident, have a breast or cervical problem requiring further diagnosis and treatment, be uninsured or underinsured, and have an income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty level. The Program reimburses the following providers throughout the state to provide diagnosis and treatment services to program participants: hospitals, physicians, pharmacies, medical laboratories, medical item suppliers, nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, physical and occupational therapists, and home health agencies. COMAR 10.14.02 regulates the Program within the Department.

During quarter one of fiscal year 2014 (July – September 2013), there were 2,752 clients enrolled in the Program, with 1,185 of those clients having processed claims in that time period. During quarter two of fiscal year 2014 (October – December 2013), there were 2,547 clients enrolled in the Program, with 1,152 of those clients having processed claims in that time period. Enrollment information is described below.

Client Enrollment, July – December 2013

| Period | Clients | Clients with Processed Claims |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Quarter 1 (July – September 2013) | 2,752 | 1,185 |
| Quarter 2 (October – December 2013) | 2,547 | 1,152 |

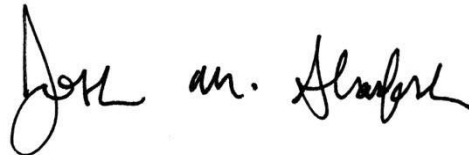
The total cost of processed claims during the first half of fiscal year 2014 is \$6,893,417. In quarter one (July – September 2013), the cost of processed claims was \$3,487,210. In quarter two (October – December 2013), the cost of processed claims was \$3,406,207. Cost information is detailed in the chart below.

Cost of Processed Claims, July – December 2013

| Period | Cost |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Quarter 1 (July – September 2013) | \$3,487,210 |
| Quarter 2 (October – December 2013) | \$3,406,207 |
| TOTAL (July – December 2013) | \$6,893,417 |

The Department commends the Maryland General Assembly's dedication to supporting initiatives that will reduce the burden of cancer in Maryland. The Department will provide a final report on the second half of fiscal year 2014 which will summarize enrollment and cost data on a quarterly basis. The final report will also advise on projected program enrollment for fiscal year 2015, based on availability of expanded Medicaid coverage and federally subsidized plans purchased through the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms. Christi Megna, Assistant Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs, at (410) 767-6509.

Sincerely,



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