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The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Health-General § 13-809, Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission Annual Report for 2009, 2010 and 2011 and Health-General § 13-810, the Department's Response to the Reports

Dear Governor O'Malley, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Pursuant to Health-General §13-809, the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission (CSRRC) is required to submit a report on or about October 1 of each year. The CSRRC submitted its last report in January 2009 and last met in March 2009. Since then, the CSRRC has been inactive.

In September 2011, six members were appointed to the CSRRC with terms commencing on October 1, 2011. The CSRRC held its first meeting on October 28, 2011. Given the timing of the appointments, the CSRRC will not be able to submit a report this year but will submit its next report on or before October 1, 2012.

The Mental Hygiene and the Developmental Disabilities Administrations must respond to the recommendations of the CSRRC annual report. Since reports were not submitted by the CSRRC, please accept this letter as fulfilling the reporting requirements for Health-General § 13-810, for 2009 through 2011.

The CSRRC is looking forward to its work in the year ahead and is ready to undertake a study of the issues around reimbursement rate methodologies, provider solvency, and wages for direct care workers. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-767-3167 or [rhenry@dnhm.state.md.us](mailto:rhenry@dnhm.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

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