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The Honorable Joseph Solomon
House Corporations Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02906

RE: Letter of Support – H 7944 – AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE – DENTAL INSURANCE LOSS RATIO REPORTING AND STUDY ACT

Dear Chairman Solomon,

I am writing to express Thundermist Health Center's support for **House Bill H 7944**, the proposed legislation that would require an annual filing of actuarial reports by dental insurance companies that offer policies in Rhode Island to the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner. The reporting mandate in this bill will help to provide the OHIC with the necessary information to produce the required report on dental loss ratios for insurance providers.

Thundermist Health Center is the largest provider of dental services for the Medicaid population in Rhode Island. Although this legislation does not directly impact the Medicaid providers it will help to provide important data to assist regulators and policy makers to help them identify possible areas of improvement in the commercial dental insurance industry. This in turn could help establish an appropriate dental loss ratio that will have minimal impact on provider accessibility and maintain premium levels that allow for affordable access to dental care in Rhode Island.

I urge you and the members of the House Corporations Committee to vote in favor of **H 7944**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeanne LaChance

President/CEO