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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable Ryan W. Pearson
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Jonathan Womer
Director, Office of Management & Budget

Date: June 7, 2021

Subject: **Amendments to FY 2022 Appropriations Act (21-H-6122)**

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The Governor requests that an amendment be made to the FY 2022 Appropriations Act in support of the State's compliance requirements under the Department of Justice Developmental Disabilities Program Consent Decree. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2022. A corresponding Governor Budget article amendment associated with this initiative is being submitted under separate cover. A description of the amendments requested is provided below.

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please feel free to call me or my staff at 574-8430.

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Attachments

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
Stephen Whitney, Senate Fiscal Advisor
James E. Thorsen, Director of Administration
Joseph Codega Jr., Deputy Budget Officer

ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2022
SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2022

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals

Increase General Revenues in the Services for the Developmentally Disabled program, Page 17, Line 26 by \$7,780,499 from \$131,509,888 to \$139,290,387.

Increase Federal Funds in the Services for the Developmentally Disabled program, Page 18, Line 10 by \$18,964,880 from \$162,482,756 to \$181,447,636.

The Governor requests a budget amendment which continues the work of Consent Decree compliance and recommends a repurposing of \$13.0M all funds originally recommended to finance a transformation and transition fund for DD providers with a rate increase to support a direct support professional (DSP) wage increase effective upon passage. This investment will seek to raise the average estimated DSP wage amongst current Developmental Disability Organizations (DDOs) to at least \$15.75, raise the average estimated wage of direct care overnight professionals to the minimum wage of \$12.25 and raise the estimated average wage of supervisors in the appropriate scale to the new wage of supervisees (average estimated wage of \$21.99). The proposal will allow Rhode Island DSP wages to be competitive with bordering states. It should be noted that this rate increase is not reflective of an exact wage of a DSP as the wages are determined by providers. A total of \$2.0M all funds of the original transformation and transition fund will be retained to invest in state infrastructure to ensure continued progress in meeting the most recent Consent Decree requirements of the DD program. A corresponding Governor Budget article amendment associated with this budget amendment was submitted under separate cover (22-BHDDH1).

Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2022 Appropriations Act (21-H-6122)

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (22-AGENCY#)
FY 2022 Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)	4,371,272,821	4,129,495,745	341,871,722	2,327,828,073	11,170,468,361	
April 12 Amendments	1,099,774	14,350,980	25,000		15,475,754	
April 19 Amendments	551,320	(284,694)	939,736	2,900,000	4,106,362	
May 21 Amendments	11,658,520	50,672,660	5,741,759	-	68,072,939	
June RICAP Amendment	-	-	-	350,000	350,000	
June 6 Amendments	35,246,731	(6,535,586)	406,326	-	29,117,471	
June 7 Amendments	-	46,376,720	17,955,277	-	64,331,997	
June 7 (Second) Amendments						
Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals						
<i>Increase Funding for DD DSP Wage Increase for Consent Decree</i>	7,780,499	18,964,880	-	-	26,745,379	22-BHDDH1
Total	7,780,499	18,964,880	-	-	26,745,379	
Grand Total	4,427,609,665	4,253,040,705	366,939,820	2,331,078,073	11,378,668,263	