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September 29, 2014

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

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

RE: HB 1034, Chapter 498 and SB 633, Chapter 497 of the Acts of 2010

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Pursuant to House Bill 1034 and Senate Bill 633 (Chapters 498 and 497 of the Acts of 2010), the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on behalf of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), submitted a preliminary report on recommendations for a plan to develop and implement a rate-setting methodology for community developmental disabilities and mental health services providers in September 2013.

Since that time, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1238, Chapter 648 of the Acts of 2014, which requires DDA to conduct a rate-setting study to set provider rates for community-based services. This letter serves to acknowledge that DDA will not finalize the findings made in the 2013 preliminary report and instead will conduct the rate-setting study and issue a subsequent report as required by House Bill 1238. However, BHA will submit a final report pursuant to House Bill 1034 and Senate Bill 633 on or before December 31, 2014.

Please note that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene continues to operate in compliance with the requirements stipulated in House Bill 1034 and Senate Bill 633 that are unaffected by House Bill 1238, including determining a weighted average cost structure set forth in § 13-806(b)(1) of the Health – General Article.

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If you have any further questions, please contact Allison Taylor, Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs, at 410-767-6481 or Allison.Taylor@Maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh M. Sharfstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Secretary

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