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To: Senator Richard Rosen, Senate Chair
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Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services

Re: DHHS responses deferred from the packet presented on January 3, 2012.

1. With regard to the Fund for a Healthy Maine accounts please provide the following information:

   A. Which FHM programs will be eliminated and which will be preserved? Please address the FHM programs that are under the budget of DHHS and those that are under the budgets of other agencies.
   B. The FHM-Bureau of Health 0953 account, with its 5 subaccounts, totals over $18 million per year. The proposed cut is $10.7 million in FY13. Which portions of the FHM-Bureau of Health 0953 account will be preserved and what services or activities will be provided?

   Response for 1A and 1B: **Attachment A** is a spreadsheet that compares FHM funding for FY 12 and FY 13, current v. supplemental #1 proposals. A handful of allocations for other agencies that receive allocations from the FHM (Attorney General, FAME, Education, Dirigo Health) are not included as they are not impacted by these proposals.

2. Please provide a breakdown by MaineCare category of the number of patients with Cancer, Heart Disease, Stroke, Diabetes and other major life threatening conditions that will lose coverage as a result of this proposal.

   Response: **See Attachment B.**

3. Podiatric services are already very limited and currently cover about 12,000 people who, without this care would be at risk of losing a limb or significant function. If this service is eliminated where would people receive this needed care and what would be the additional cost? Have you budgeted for that cost?

   Response: Physicians can also perform the procedures that a podiatrist does. These services are within their scope of licensure.We cannot determine if there will be additional costs due to higher physical utilization for podiatry services. This is a valuable service, however, due to current budget challenges the Department cannot afford to fund these

optional services.

4. Dental coverage for adults is limited already to emergencies like elimination of pain or the prevention of imminent tooth loss. Last year about 15,000 adult got this emergency dental service. Have you offset from the savings from this initiative any cost for adults who will now get this service from the hospital ED? If so, what is that amount? What would the cost be if 90% of these individuals got this care at the ED?

   Response: We cannot determine if there will be additional costs due to higher ED utilization. This is a valuable service, however, due to current budget challenges the Department cannot afford to fund these optional services.

5. MaineCare vision services are very limited for adults now and are only provided for medically necessary care. Only one pair of glasses is provided in a lifetime for those with very poor vision. This cut does not eliminate reimbursement for physicians for providing these services as this is federally mandated. Have you calculated the increased cost from these individuals receiving this service through their physician instead of other eye care providers?

   Response: We cannot determine if there will be additional costs due to higher physician utilization for vision services. This is a valuable service, however, due to current budget challenges the Department cannot afford to fund these optional services.

6. Rep. Webster: What kind of investments does the state have in child abuse prevention, interventions needed because of domestic violence?

   Response: For the past 5+ years we have joined with the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence to implement a Dept. of Justice Rural DV/CPS grant that provides domestic violence liaisons in each of our District offices. These liaisons consult and coordinate with our caseworkers and supervisors and actually work together with some families, while others are referred to the domestic violence projects in the areas where they live. The state's investment in this partnership is largely "in kind" and as a full active participant, although we do use some Title IV-B funds to provide for the Portland and Bangor office liaisons, after the Dept. of Justice ruled those areas as "not rural".

   OCFS also administers a combination of Federal grant dollars and state funds to support the general activities of the domestic violence projects and an unknown percentage of those activities deal directly with child abuse issues in the families they're working with.

7. Rep Rotundo: Is there data documenting a relationship between dental disease/dental complication and lost productivity at work?

   Response: To research Representative Rotundo's request, the Department spoke with officials at the Children's Oral Health Program, the CDC, the Department of Labor, and the Maine Dental Association.

   - National CDC has the following data available:

     1. Expenditures for dental services in the United States in 2003 were $74.3 billion, 4.4 percent of the total spent on health care that year [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 2004].

2. A large proportion of dental care is paid out-of-pocket by patients. Nationally in 2003, 44 percent of dental care was paid out-of-pocket, 49 percent was paid by private dental insurance, and 7 percent was paid by federal or state government sources. In comparison, 10 percent of physician and clinical services were paid out-of pocket, 50 percent were covered by private medical insurance, and 33 percent were paid by government sources [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2005].

- Representatives from the maine Dental Association found the following information based on a Surgeon General's report from 2000:

  1. Employed adults lose more than 164 million hours of work each year due to dental disease or dental visits.
  2. For every adult 19 years or older without medical insurance, there are three without dental insurance.
  3. A little less than two thirds of adults report having visited a dentist in the past 12 months. Those with incomes at or above the poverty level are twice as likely to report a dental visit in the past 12 months as those who are below the poverty level.

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ATTACHMENT – A

Department of Health and Human Services
Comparison of Fund for a Healty Maine Allocations
Current Allocations v. Proposed Supplemental Budget Allocations

Account #	Program Name	FY 12 Current	FY 12 Proposed	FY 12 Change	FY 13 Current	FY 13 Proposed	FY 13 Change
01414G094801	FHM - Office of Substance Abuse	$1,848,306	$1,848,306	$0	$1,848,306	$1,848,306	$0
01414G094801	FHM - OSA - Medicaid Seed	$1,257,666	$1,257,666	$0	$1,257,666	$1,275,642	$17,976
01410A095301	FHM - Oral Health	$600,000	$600,000	$0	$600,000	$0	($600,000)
01410A095302	FHM - Tobacco Prevention, Control and Treatment	$6,402,080	$6,402,080	$0	$6,421,493	$6,421,493	$0
01410A095306	FHM - Home Visitation	$2,653,383	$2,653,383	$0	$2,653,383	$0	($2,653,383)
01410A095307	FHM - Community/Schools Grants & SW Coordination	$7,777,979	$7,777,979	$0	$7,788,922	$259,032	($7,529,890)
01410A095308	FHM - Public Health Infrastructure	$1,366,802	$1,366,802	$0	$1,369,315	$1,369,315	$0
01410A095601	FHM - Family Planning	$401,430	$401,430	$0	$401,430	$0	($401,430)
01410A095801	FHM - Donated Dental	$36,463	$36,463	$0	$36,463	$0	($36,463)
01410A095901	FHM - Head Start	$1,354,580	$654,580	($700,000)	$1,354,580	$0	($1,354,580)
01410A096001	FHM - Medical Care	$7,876,677	$8,880,521	$1,003,844	$7,906,432	$33,050,538	$25,144,106
01410A096101	FHM - Purchased Social Services	$3,942,236	$3,942,236	$0	$3,942,236	$0	($3,942,236)
01410AZ01501	FHM - Drugs for the Elderly & Disabled	$11,934,230	$11,630,386	($303,844)	$11,934,230	$0	($11,934,230)
01410AZ04801	FHM - Immunization	$1,078,884	$1,078,884	$0	$1,078,884	$0	($1,078,884)
	Sub Total	$48,530,716	$48,530,716	$0	$48,593,340	$44,224,326	($4,369,014)

Note: Part N of the bill transfers of $4.5 million to General Fund revenue

ATTACHMENT – B

Subset	All Data																	
	Nov 2011			Oct 2011			Sep 2011			Aug 2011			Jul 2011			Jun 2011		
Clinical Condition	Patients	Visits Patient	Net Payment	Patients	Visits Patient	Net Payment	Patients	Visits Patient	Net Payment	Patients	Visits Patient	Net Payment	Patients	Visits Patient	Net Payment	Patients	Visits Patient	Net Payment
Cancer - Breast	111	166	$105,516.08	388	606	$382,997.33	435	702	$506,234.41	468	726	$525,982.09	456	740	$714,850.67	532	878	$628,735.10
Cancer - Cervical	139	145	$51,945.03	292	339	$114,584.85	326	364	$193,567.97	348	399	$228,882.07	316	366	$172,444.52	345	405	$211,484.28
Cancer - Colon	30	46	$69,810.67	157	288	$204,972.54	211	458	$250,118.80	197	375	$237,560.76	191	365	$228,012.53	209	416	$265,338.52
Cancer - ENT	15	24	$5,453.29	49	97	$42,464.96	66	122	$152,066.41	60	125	$93,181.24	48	88	$22,471.66	54	110	$68,372.59
Cancer - Endocrine, NEC	26	31	$19,167.73	55	77	$29,445.54	58	92	$23,969.86	67	99	$28,089.06	61	86	$27,221.19	54	74	$34,593.77
Cancer - Eye	0	0	#N/A	1	1	$13.24	4	4	$3,275.89	2	2	$2,375.61	4	4	$152.42	7	9	$1,530.07
Cancer - Gastroint Ex Colon	8	15	$6,902.59	55	103	$53,066.49	60	131	$46,478.11	65	166	$56,497.60	67	167	$82,188.50	81	184	$112,910.47
Cancer - Gynecological, NEC	9	9	$3,710.20	29	31	$2,268.28	38	49	$27,366.46	49	58	$10,712.21	40	60	$18,745.61	47	69	$36,554.64
Cancer - Hepatobil Ex Pancreas	8	8	$824.21	32	49	$58,097.37	29	55	$34,021.20	29	55	$49,937.38	36	73	$31,863.63	40	81	$72,221.86
Cancer - Leukemia	39	51	$25,512.34	148	247	$105,431.34	167	324	$190,515.77	200	395	$242,189.04	159	347	$165,567.66	192	412	$294,187.16
Cancer - Lung	58	88	$56,957.22	238	480	$372,204.90	326	653	$371,809.34	349	755	$428,037.57	345	793	$546,198.85	355	845	$638,962.71
Cancer - Lymphoma	44	96	$73,955.84	134	311	$190,414.20	163	363	$167,566.08	164	412	$352,683.11	157	368	$174,413.32	175	396	$506,021.04
Cancer - Male Genital Ex Prost	3	3	$2,477.66	15	30	$19,893.10	12	15	$8,039.23	6	11	$17,877.74	7	14	$1,361.18	11	15	$9,437.83
Cancer - Nonspecified	41	60	$51,246.99	182	291	$221,973.62	233	366	$250,009.09	245	373	$253,234.46	235	381	$269,704.53	252	397	$380,744.81
Cancer - Oral Cavity/Mandible	17	29	$20,221.96	73	131	$114,104.25	91	188	$134,164.69	72	162	$151,197.72	84	203	$78,993.29	81	177	$146,139.81
Cancer - Ovarian	10	12	$4,201.66	36	68	$38,045.18	45	81	$93,485.63	42	83	$46,804.13	50	97	$77,792.30	36	67	$66,179.68
Cancer - Pancreas	6	10	$13,880.70	23	50	$62,933.36	35	94	$88,424.01	34	95	$137,368.09	30	87	$45,342.32	29	82	$146,079.59
Cancer - Primary Bone	4	10	$8,400.60	10	16	$9,150.20	16	28	$11,453.99	14	31	$13,749.76	16	46	$8,388.94	16	44	$8,439.63
Cancer - Prostate	17	24	$8,965.67	179	251	$100,171.66	237	338	$161,819.86	234	346	$103,756.58	259	372	$107,276.11	262	382	$154,027.99
Cancer - Renal/Urinary	18	24	$19,024.08	119	196	$110,027.77	163	252	$102,531.97	162	280	$136,407.64	170	264	$144,202.62	181	297	$217,573.07
Cancer - Respiratory Ex Lung	0	0	#N/A	2	2	$86.97	1	1	$102.64	1	1	$45.53	1	1	$20.40	4	5	$502.92
Cancer - Skin	29	32	$14,820.12	276	311	$97,224.45	342	411	$133,852.79	368	438	$71,183.00	347	403	$75,729.57	414	470	$131,463.64
Cancer - Uterine	7	8	$1,025.98	44	57	$19,295.29	54	79	$32,941.56	51	75	$50,070.24	38	57	$40,328.04	46	70	$32,852.09
Cardiac Arrhythmias	302	440	$115,680.50	2,002	3,157	$1,002,893.94	2,416	3,815	$1,095,834.85	2,460	4,043	$1,282,846.51	2,505	3,957	$1,290,628.78	2,568	4,242	$1,283,840.28
Cardiomyopathy	50	62	$12,921.46	229	276	$58,471.49	237	294	$60,426.00	284	370	$231,201.58	243	302	$71,975.58	284	353	$76,096.55
Cardiovasc Disord, Congenital	74	83	$167,053.77	151	214	$115,924.84	188	238	$138,672.81	181	225	$121,549.70	164	225	$268,774.74	202	289	$180,312.23
Cardiovasc Disord, NEC	471	565	$270,857.90	1,617	2,074	$849,704.98	1,795	2,301	$996,478.87	1,846	2,439	$981,058.01	1,842	2,362	$1,186,181.92	1,931	2,525	$1,238,702.44
Cerebrovascular Disease	211	406	$159,677.10	1,088	2,044	$2,065,015.84	1,315	2,425	$2,233,037.51	1,361	2,623	$2,444,679.69	1,352	2,620	$2,510,271.30	1,398	2,805	$2,527,369.29
Congestive Heart Failure	129	195	$73,335.25	941	1,443	$939,793.98	1,059	1,650	$998,264.84	1,143	1,950	$1,090,185.75	1,158	1,846	$1,017,522.65	1,189	1,949	$1,093,356.06
Coronary Artery Disease	254	351	$430,719.72	1,514	2,210	$1,452,486.74	1,682	2,439	$1,369,791.57	1,728	2,545	$1,572,461.92	1,727	2,514	$1,497,742.96	1,960	2,872	$1,796,066.97
Diabetes	2,026	2,776	$427,326.47	7,581	11,919	$3,138,391.10	8,787	13,730	$3,226,301.36	9,097	14,710	$3,486,358.23	9,036	14,184	$3,620,606.63	9,984	15,859	$3,972,182.70