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MEMORDANUM

TO: DHMH and HSCRC Advisory Council on All-Payer Model

FROM: Van T. Mitchell, Secretary 

DATE: January 29, 2016

SUBJECT: February 3, 2016 Advisory Council Meeting

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I want to thank you for serving on the DHMH and HSCRC Advisory Council on the All-Payer Model and health care delivery transformation. Your input, perspectives, and insights are essential as we together develop the future direction for this transformation. The next phase of the All-Payer Model involves all of us, and I am proud to be a part of this process with you.

Unfortunately, the demands of the Legislative Session and the timing of the Governor's State of the State address prohibit me from being here at the meeting on February 3, 2016. I am glad that Dr. Howard Haft, who holds many perspectives and who has been dedicated to this effort for quite some time, will serve on the Advisory Council to both hear your thoughts and provide input as we move through this process.

The Agreement between the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Maryland calls for Maryland to submit a proposal for a new model no later than January 2017, which shall provide broader accountability and engagement. It is important that this group help to provide some initial thoughts in the near term on the guiding principles as we move toward this goal. Therefore, we will have several meetings over the next few months. Your input will be vital as we work with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to begin the process of meeting this requirement of the All-Payer Model Agreement.

I look forward to attending future meetings and working with you all toward this goal.