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Dear Chairman Brewer and Chairwoman Spilka,

Line item 4000-0600 of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget (Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) requires the Office of Medicaid (MassHealth) to report to you the following information: "(i) the number of nursing facility clients on a leave of absence, delineated by the nursing facility, by medical leave of absence days and medical leave of absence days that exceeded 10 days per hospital stay, nonmedical leave of absence days and the total number of days on leave of absence unduplicated member count; (ii) licensed beds monthly capacity levels per nursing home and the monthly total number of empty beds per nursing facility, total number of all nursing home residents and total MassHealth nursing home residents; (iii) 6 separate MassHealth payment rates and the average payment amount rate per nursing facility client resident; (iv) actual number of nursing home residents for each of the 6 payment categories in clause (iii); (v) the aggregate payment amount per nursing facility by month".

Attached are five documents containing the required information: (a) Medical and Non-Medical Leave of Absence Days at Nursing Facilities During FY15; (b) July 2015 Nursing Home Census – Massachusetts Skilled Nursing Facilities; (c) Nursing Facility Rates Effective 10/1/15 through 6/30/16, (d) Nursing Facility Residents by MassHealth Payment Category as of July 2015, and (e) MassHealth Nursing Facility Expenditures, by Month, During Fiscal Year 2015.

I hope you find this report useful and informative. Please feel free to contact John May at 617-573-1763 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Marylou Sudders, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services