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**Re: Office of the Inspector General's Health Safety Net 2026 Annual Report**

Dear Governor Healey and Commonwealth Leaders:

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) makes this report of its work over the past year pursuant to Section 127 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025.

During the past year, the OIG has been working on three reviews pursuant to Section 127 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025. The three reviews cover different areas in health safety net spending: supplemental funding; fee-for-service program administered by a third-party; and utilization review based on a specific diagnosis code for MassHealth members. The OIG initiated these reviews based on research and data analytics to identify opportunities to strengthen program integrity, ensure operational efficiencies and safeguard public healthcare funds.

As it completes these reviews, the OIG will provide MassHealth with targeted recommendations to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse in the expenditure of public funds. Because the work is not yet complete, the OIG is not providing more specific information in this public report. To the extent appropriate, the OIG may summarize completed work in its annual report due to the Legislature on April 30, 2026.

Sincerely,



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