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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 1, 2021

TO: The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

FROM: Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson

GACEC

RE: Senate Bill No. 109 Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Home Health Care

Services

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed **Senate Bill 109**, which will require that home health-care services for Medicaid long-term care services and support providers be reimbursed by Medicaid-contracted organizations at a rate equal to or more than the rate set by the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) for equivalent services. Council **supports** the proposed legislation.

This Bill provides conformity in reimbursement with other services (home health-care nursing services) and requires DMMA to set a minimum reimbursement rate for all home health-care services for Medicaid long-term care services and support providers. Although Medicaid-contracted organizations can reimburse at a higher rate, they, at a minimum, have to reimburse providers at the rate set by DMMA.

Council would also recommend the sponsors include an additional provision requiring that the rates be updated regularly to remain competitive.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our endorsement. Please feel free to contact me or Pam Weir at the GACEC office should you have any questions.