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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 420, S.D.1 – RELATING TO HEALTH**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to appropriate State general funds to the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to expand certain health care services to qualified individuals and to finance projects at designated health centers throughout the State.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill. However, given the State's current fiscal situation and the significant shortfalls in our health care payments program (HMS 401), DHS cannot support increases in general fund appropriations beyond what Governor Abercrombie will be proposing in the Executive Biennium Budget for 2012-2013.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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