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TO: Commissioners

FROM: Mahlet Konjit-Solomon, Chief, APCD Public Reporting and Data Release

SUBJECT: Approval of appointment of Data Release Advisory Committee Chairperson

The Commission approved the appointments of ten individuals to serve on the newly established Data Release Advisory Committee (DRAC) at the October meeting. I recommend the Commission appoint Dr. Elizabeth Sammis, the Consumer Advocacy representative, as the Chair of the DRAC.

The MHCC formed the DRAC to carry out our Data Release Authority under COMAR 10.25.05, the regulations approved by the Commission at the end of 2021. The DRAC's responsibilities are to:

- Review completed applications requesting MCDB or other healthcare data available for MHCC's release;
- Prepare reports and recommendations, with the administrative support of Commission staff;
- Submit reporting and recommendations to the Executive Director; and
- If requested, provide advice, consultation, and expertise on issues and questions that may arise in a data application's review and approval process.

Dr. Sammis has an in-depth understanding of health insurance policy. Throughout her professional career, Beth held senior executive positions with various carriers including MAMSI, United HealthCare, CareFirst, and Evergreen Health. Beth has also served in numerous leadership posts within State and Federal government, including:

- Deputy Director for Consumer Affairs of the Federal Insurance Office at the US Department of the Treasury,
- Maryland's Acting Insurance Commissioner,
- Deputy Director of the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, a predecessor commission of the Maryland Health Care Commission,
- More recently, Dr. Sammis served as President of Consumer Health First, a consumer advocacy organization formed to advise policymakers on the implementation of ACA in Maryland, the All Payer Model, and the Total Cost of Care Model.

Throughout her career, Dr. Sammis has advanced insurance reform initiatives and negotiated regulatory matters and policy issues from diverse perspectives. She is currently an Adjunct Instructor



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of Sociology at Anne Arundel Community College and sits on the Boards of both the Mental Health Association of Maryland and CRISP.

Given her familiarity with the MCDB, and her extensive industry knowledge, the at the October meeting staff ask that the Commission approve Dr. Sammis as Chair of the Data Release Advisory Committee.