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Agency of Human Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Martha Heath, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

From: Mark Larson, Commissioner 

Cc: Doug Racine, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

Date: January 30, 2014

Re: Request to change MAGI eligibility conversion date for VPharm and Healthy Vermonters programs

This memo is to request that 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 53(d) which requires that eligibility determinations for the VPharm and Healthy Vermonters programs be converted to a MAGI-based determination by December 31, 2014, be amended to read:

(d) Secs. 31 (Healthy Vermonters) and 32 (VPharm) shall take effect on January 1, 2014, except that the Department of Vermont Health Access may continue to calculate household income under the rules of the Vermont Health Access Plan after that date if the system for calculating modified adjusted gross income for the Healthy Vermonters and VPharm programs is not operational by that date, but no later than December 31, 2014~~15~~.

Providing an extension until December 31, 2015 to convert eligibility determination for VPharm and Healthy Vermonters programs to MAGI will help ensure a successful transition process and will avoid unanticipated consequences of converting eligibility methods at a time when the rules for eligibility are still very new and the operability of the system is undergoing improvement daily.
