MEMORANDUM



To Members of the Joint Budget Committee

FROM Eric Kurtz, Madison Kaemerer JBC Staff (303-866-4952, 303-866-

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DATE January 29, 2024

SUBJECT Supplemental Comeback

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Informational Funds

Staff recommends that the JBC approve a supplemental adjustment to correct a technical error in the FY 2023-24 Long Bill that identified \$46,007,477 federal funds in the Office of Community Living as informational only. These federal funds are not informational only because there is a required state match.

The same line item has an "(M)" note on the General Fund appropriation indicating that the General Fund is provided to match federal funds. Removing the erroneous "(I)" note that identifies the federal funds as informational only will have no practical impact on the way the Department operates or the way services are delivered.

The benefit in this technical change is that the Long Bill will more accurately describe the character and nature of the funds, which is useful primarily in summary documents that consider how much of the budget is under the control of the General Assembly versus at the discretion of the Governor.

While this is a very technical presentation change that has no impact on policy, it is a large dollar amount that would be re-characterized. As such, staff felt it is important to receive JBC approval rather than making the correction ourselves.