An Act appropriating the sum of $3,000,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Human Services to pay providers and vendors that participate in the Medicaid program and for other related purposes

PROPOSED BY: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr., by Request of the Governor

1 WHEREAS, there are several unpaid essential providers and vendors that provided critical services to an underserved population who participates in the Medicaid program; and
2 WHEREAS, many Medicaid providers and vendors have ceased offering services and products; and
3 WHEREAS, the Medicaid program needs a supplemental appropriation of $3,000,000;
4 Now, Therefore,
5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:
6 SECTION 1. (a) The sum of $3,000,000 is appropriated from any available funds in the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands, in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, to the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services to pay providers and vendors that participate in the Medicaid program.
7 (b) The Office of Management and Budget shall disburse the sum authorized in subsection (a) to the Department of Human Services for the purposes in subsection (a).
This bill appropriates 3,000,000 from the General Fund in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, to cover underfunded Medicaid expenses.

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