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Senator Pat Steadman
Chair, Joint Budget Committee
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Dear Senator Steadman:

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The committee requests that the Joint Budget Committee explore the costs of expanding the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer Program to include treating women who are not initially diagnosed at a Women's Wellness Connection site but who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for the program. The committee requests that, if there are sufficient General Fund moneys for this purpose, the JBC fund the costs of this expansion.

Sincerely,

Representative Dianne Primavera, Chair
House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee

- c: Joint Budget Committee Members
House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee Members
Sue Birch, Executive Director, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
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The committee recommends that the Joint Budget Committee increase the FY 2013-14 General Fund appropriation for the School-based Health Center Grant Program to \$5,260,817, if available, which would be sufficient to allow all school-based centers to increase their capacity to serve 100 percent of their primary target population.

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Representative Dianne Primavera, Chair
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The committee voted to express its support for the Department of Human Services' FY 2013-14 budget priorities, including its:

- \$18.5 million request to strengthen Colorado's mental health system;
- \$13.0 million request to reduce the waiting list for services for individuals with developmental disabilities;
- \$1.8 million request to fund Early Intervention and Case Management services;
- \$6.8 million request to fund county administration costs for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- \$15.5 million request to increase community provider rates;
- \$1.3 million request to provide for utility cost increases;
- \$3.8 million request to provide senior support services;