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**Council President Chris Anderson's Statement on  
Baker Administration's MassHealth Reform and Employer Assessment Package  
June 20, 2017**

**“We support the Baker Administration’s comprehensive, reform-focused proposal to reign in unsustainable cost-drivers that threaten the stability of MassHealth, including the related temporary assessment on employers. The Council’s support for any such assessment is absolutely conditioned on the adoption of reforms to MassHealth that are sufficient to put the program on sustainable financial footing AND an ironclad commitment to sunset the assessment no later than the end of 2019.”**

Background:

The Commonwealth’s MassHealth Medicaid program as currently structured is fundamentally unsustainable. Immediate modifications are essential to preserve MassHealth as an important safety net for residents of the Commonwealth in need. In addition, without such reforms, MassHealth spending will continue to encroach on other critical budget priorities in education, infrastructure, economic development and public safety.

More revenue alone will not make MassHealth sustainable. The program’s cost-drivers must be brought under control. Aligning MassHealth’s eligibility standards and benefit levels with those of well-managed Medicaid programs in other states is a powerful opportunity to improve MassHealth’s long-term sustainability and improve the overall fiscal stability of the Commonwealth.

The Council is committed to working with Governor Baker and legislators to identify and advance modifications to MassHealth, including program integrity improvements, adjustments to eligibility standards and benefit plan design changes.

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