

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/FLOOR

BILL NO. 35-0291

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

June 20, 2024

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
2 critical services to an underserved population who participates in the Medicaid program; and

3 **WHEREAS**, many Medicaid providers and vendors have ceased offering services and
4 products; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Medicaid program needs a supplemental appropriation of \$3,000,000;

6 Now, Therefore,

7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

8 **SECTION 1.** (a) The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from any available funds in the
9 General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands, in the fiscal year ending
10 September 30, 2024, to the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services to pay providers and
11 vendors that participate in the Medicaid program.

12 (b) The Office of Management and Budget shall disburse the sum authorized in
13 subsection (a) to the Department of Human Services for the purposes in subsection (a).

BILL SUMMARY

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This bill appropriates 3,000,000 from the General Fund in the fiscal year ending

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September 30, 2024, to cover underfunded Medicaid expenses.

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