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October 21, 2015

The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court, and

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, Additional Revenues, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Bureau of Public Health Systems, Policy and Performance, Rural Health and Primary Care to accept and expend Other funds in the amount of \$300,000 from the New Hampshire Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association (JUA), a State entity established by the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance under RSA 404-C in 1975, to fund the State Loan Repayment Program effective upon date of approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council, through June 30, 2017, and further authorize the funds to be allocated as follows. 100% Other Funds

05-95-90-901010-79650000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS, POLICY AND PERFORMANCE, RURAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE

SFY16

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Amount
000-404535	Federal Funds	\$450,274	\$0	\$450,274
009-407079	Agency Income	\$204,009	\$150,000	\$354,009
000-000000	General Funds	\$546,180	\$0	\$546,180
Total Revenue		\$1,200,463	\$150,000	\$1,350,463
010-500100	Personal Serv - Perm	\$156,144	\$0	\$156,144
018-500106	Overtime	\$1	\$0	\$1
020-500200	Current Expense	\$15,577	\$0	\$15,577
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600
030-500330	Equipment	\$1,900	\$0	\$1,900
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500

041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$455	\$0	\$455
042-500620	Transfer to COLA	\$16,504	\$0	\$16,504
046-500464	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
050-500109	Personal Serv-Temp	\$1	\$0	\$1
060-500602	Benefits	\$81,207	\$0	\$81,207
070-500704	In State Travel	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
073-500578	Grants Non Federal	\$497,937	\$150,000	\$647,937
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$11,050	\$0	\$11,050
102-500731	Contracts for Program Serv	\$314,744	\$0	\$314,744
103-502664	Contracts for Operational Serv	\$98,842	\$0	\$98,842
Total Expenses		\$1,200,463	\$150,000	\$1,350,463

SFY17

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Amount
000-404535	Federal Funds	\$345,041	\$0	\$345,041
009-407079	Agency Income	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$400,000
000-000000	General Funds	\$498,765	\$0	\$498,765
Total Revenue		\$1,093,806	\$150,000	\$1,243,806
010-500100	Personal Serv - Perm	\$157,936	\$0	\$157,936
018-500106	Overtime	\$1	\$0	\$1
020-500200	Current Expense	\$14,750	\$0	\$14,750
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600
030-500330	Equipment	\$1,450	\$0	\$1,450
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$456	\$0	\$456
042-500620	Transfer to COLA	\$16,583	\$0	\$16,583
046-500464	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
050-500109	Personal Serv-Temp	\$1	\$0	\$1
060-500602	Benefits	\$84,383	\$0	\$84,383
070-500704	In State Travel	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
073-500578	Grants Non Federal	\$480,966	\$150,000	\$630,966
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$11,050	\$0	\$11,050
102-500731	Contracts for Program Serv	\$230,129	\$0	\$230,129
103-502664	Contracts for Operational Serv	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000
Total Expenses		\$1,093,806	\$150,000	\$1,243,806

EXPLANATION

The State Loan Repayment Program provides funds to health care providers working in areas of the state designated as being medically underserved. These medically underserved areas identified as Health Care Professional Shortage Areas, Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas, Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas, Medically Underserved Areas/Populations, and Governor's Exceptional Medically Underserved Populations are indicators that a shortage of health care professionals exists, posing a barrier to access healthcare services for the residents of these areas. As one of several approaches to improve access to healthcare services, the State Loan Repayment Program has proven to be a successful short and long-term strategy to recruit and retain physicians, dentists, and other healthcare professionals into New Hampshire's underserved communities. In addition, the health care provider and practicing site that are participating in the State Loan Repayment Program agree to provide direct primary health care services especially for uninsured residents who are residing in our medically underserved areas of New Hampshire. A significant percentage of New Hampshire residents continue to face difficulty accessing primary care, mental, and oral health care services, due to workforce challenges. These additional funds may allow us to place as many as 20 additional providers in medically underserved areas throughout the state. The increase in funding is reflective of the recognition of the effectiveness of the State Loan Repayment Program as a tool for provider recruitment and retention. Only a portion of the total JUA funds are in this request in order to extend the availability of these funds into the next biennium.

These funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Funds are budgeted in Grants Non Federal (Class 073) for additional providers in medically underserved areas throughout the state.

Audit costs are not included as these are Other Funds.

These funds may not be used to offset General Funds as they are specifically granted to the State for the purpose of providing the services described above.

These funds will not change the program eligibility levels. No new program will be established with the acceptance of these funds.

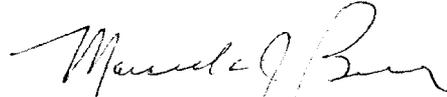
Area served: Statewide

Source of funds: These funds are 100% Other Funds from the New Hampshire Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association to fund the State Loan Repayment Program. Attached is the Notice of Grant Award and award history. Notice of these funds was received on August 6, 2015, from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's office, a copy is attached. They were not added to the operating budget because these are new funds recently granted to the State and were not anticipated at the time the budget was developed.

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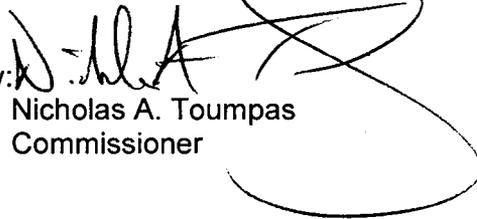
In the event that these Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcella Jordan Bobinsky, MPH
Acting Director

Approved by:



Nicholas A. Toumpas
Commissioner

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August 6, 2015

Hand Delivered

William F. Dwyer, Treasurer
State of New Hampshire
25 Capitol Street, Room 121
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Modifying the escrow account established for the NH State Loan Repayment Program

Dear Bill:

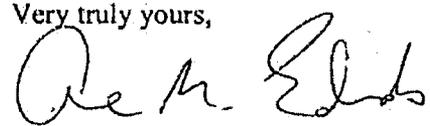
The NH Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association ("JUA") is a mandatory risk sharing plan and a State entity established by the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance under RSA 404-C in 1975. On May 14, 2015, I submitted a letter, on behalf of the he JUA's Board of Directors, with oversight by the Commissioner of Insurance requesting establishment of an escrow account in the amount of \$800,000 for payments to be made to the NH State Loan Repayment Program and to be named the NHSLRP/JUA Escrow Account.

At its June 18, 2015 meeting, the JUA Board voted to add the remaining funds it had available, under RSA 404-C:14, V, to the escrow account. The total amount of funds deposited in the escrow account is in excess of \$1.6M, with the final funds being received by Treasury prior to July 1, 2015. Additionally, the JUA Board voted on June 18 to allow the NH State Loan Repayment Program ("NHSLRP") to withdraw funds from the Account at its discretion, rather than at the originally set schedule of distribution, based on the demand for loan repayment each year until the funds are exhausted.

The funds should be distributed the NHSLRP once it presents Treasury with approval from the Fiscal Committee to accept and expend these funds. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services is authorized to request distributions from the Account with the approval of the Fiscal Committee. This is a non-lapsing account.

If there are any questions regarding this request or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Anne M. Edwards
Associate Attorney General

cc: Rachel K. Miller, Chief Deputy Treasurer
Erin M. Zayac

Award History
Rural Health & Primary Care / JUA Funding (Other Funds)

SFY2016

Per JUA award letter of 8/6/15 <i>Amount currently available to RHPC/SLRP via escrow</i>	1,600,000
Expended Through 6/30/15	-
Available Award Balance 7/1/15	1,600,000
SFY 16 Appropriations *	(204,009)
OYR - brought forward	-
Available To Accept	<u>1,395,991</u>
Amount Requested this Action	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

*** SFY 16 Appropriations:**

	2016 Budget	OYR	Total	This Action	Revised Budget
10-090-79650000 JUA (Other Funds)	204,009	-	204,009	150,000	354,009