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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

*Christine L. Santaniello* 4/12/19  
Approved by Fiscal Committee Date

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 9:16-a, Transfers Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to transfer general funds in the amount of \$60,000 between class lines effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2019. 100% General Funds. The transfer is summarized below:

**05-95-045-450010-6127 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF CLIENT SERVICES, CLIENT SERVICES**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	This Request	Adjusted Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
000-403719	Federal Funds	\$ 16,972,835	\$ -	\$ 16,972,835
	General Funds	\$ 3,363,406	\$ -	\$ 3,363,406
	Total Revenue:	\$ 20,336,241	\$ -	\$ 20,336,241
<b>Expense</b>				
010-500100	Personal Services Perm	\$ 1,508,604	\$ -	\$ 1,508,604
012-500128	Personal Services Unclass	\$ 96,883	\$ -	\$ 96,883
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 39,832	\$ -	\$ 39,832
026-500251	Memberships	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
030-500321	Office Equip & Furn (Replace)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
037-500166	Technology-Hardware	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$ 1,360	\$ -	\$ 1,360
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$ 6,056	\$ -	\$ 6,056
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 17,227	\$ -	\$ 17,227
042-500620	Post Retirement Benefits	\$ 77,500	\$ -	\$ 77,500
049-584927	Transfers to Other State Age	\$ 390,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 450,000
050-500109	Other Personal Services	\$ 112,445	\$ -	\$ 112,445
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 929,863	\$ -	\$ 929,863
070-500700	In State Travel Reimb	\$ 31,188	\$ -	\$ 31,188
080-500710	Out of State Travel Reimb	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500
102-500731	Contracts for Program Service	\$ 13,113,743	\$ -	\$ 13,113,743
501-500425	Payments to Clients	\$ 1,192,084	\$ -	\$ 1,192,084
502-500891	Payments to Providers	\$ 2,755,956	\$ (60,000)	\$ 2,695,956
	Total Expense:	\$ 20,336,241	\$ -	\$ 20,336,241

### EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to transfer funds to class line 049, Transfers to other State Agencies in order to provide funds to New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES), Economic and Labor Information (ELMI) Bureau to conduct, in partnership with DHHS and technical experts, an economic analysis of the "cliff effect" across New Hampshire. The cliff effect describes what happens when wages alone do not equally make up for the loss of public benefits for working families. Prior to determining what policy changes are necessary to close the cliff effect, the Department and State need to fully understand the economic dynamics by region across the state and determine what policy changes are best to close the cliff effect. This analysis will help us fully understand the wage and benefits dynamics, identify policy changes with maximum potential impact for workers, and identify changes for impactful economic growth for all areas of our state. In order to support workers in successfully transitioning to work and support their career goals, an analysis of how federal and state benefits for families interact with the local economy is critical. Additionally, a community-by-community analysis will be completed to identify the needs unique to each community and an action plan to solve the benefits cliff at the local level. A final step will focus on examining and conducting an impact analysis on those policies that are most promising in solving the cliff effect.

Some specific questions the analysis will answer are:

- What are the specific cliffs in New Hampshire, community-by-community and how can we create off ramps to these cliffs?
- What tools do parents and state/community workers need to understand how the cliff effect impacts workers' aspirations and decisions for families?
- How can we combine family economic goals and work ambitions with the worker shortage in an intentional, targeted manner?
- What populations are in deepest need of a rapid benefits cliff solution?
- How can business and government together reduce our worker shortage?
- How can we remove government barriers to sustainable employment and family resiliency?

The following is the information specifically required when transfers are requested, in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985, to support the above requested actions:

- A. Justification:  
To be able to reimburse NHES for work done in support of the cliff effect.
- B. Does this transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?  
This transfer involves a one-time project.
- C. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program levels or will it increase the program?  
This transfer will not increase program levels.
- D. Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory.  
The programs of the Department are mandated by various state and federal laws.
- E. Identify the source of funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.  
The funds being transferred are 100% general funds.
- F. Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is not approved?  
There is no effect on revenue.

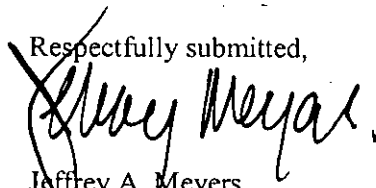
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- G. Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?  
No.
- H. Are personnel services involved?  
No positions are being transferred as a result of this request.

The Department has conducted a detailed review of line items in the budget to ensure that available funds are maximized to the greatest degree possible.

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Respectfully submitted,



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