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May 2, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to amend Fiscal Committee item #FIS 22-043, approved on January 21, 2022 and Governor and Council item #13A approved on January 26, 2022 by accepting funds from the New Hampshire Liquor Commission in the amount of \$833,613 to return federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which were used to purchase At-Home COVID-19 test kits and redistribute unsold tests at no cost effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health. 100% Transfers from Other Agency.

**05-095-094-940010-26180000<sup>1</sup> HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, DHHS/LIQUOR COVID TEST KITS**

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase	Revised Modified Budget
			(Decrease) Amount	
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$12,012,000	(\$833,613)	\$11,178,387
001-484977-69	Transfers from Other Agency	\$0	\$833,613	\$833,613
	General Funds			
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$12,012,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,012,000</b>
020-500200	Current Expense	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$12,000,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,012,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,012,000</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The purpose of this request is to accept revenue generated from the sale of COVID-19 over-the-counter antigen tests at New Hampshire Liquor Stores, which will allow DHHS to return the ARPA SFRF funds

<sup>1</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9519A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9519Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

received as a result of those sales for reallocation on other ARPA SFRF eligible uses. The tests were purchased at the end of January when national antigen supply chains were limited preventing New Hampshire residents from easily purchasing these tests through traditional access points (e.g. pharmacies, large retailers). With the continued increase in community spread of COVID-19 in New Hampshire, rapid and early detection is important to reduce the spread of disease throughout New Hampshire, limit the strain on our medical care system, and keep schools and businesses open. After the original item was approved a technical correction was processed changing the accounting unit from 24650000 to 26180000 for administrative purposes.

The revenue received by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) equates to 74,100 tests. There were a total of 1 million tests ordered. While there was a critical need for these tests in 2022, as the supply of tests increased and demand decreased, the sales of tests purchased through the New Hampshire Liquor Stores declined. Given the current supply of tests, DHHS and the New Hampshire Liquor Commission are requesting to redistribute the antigen tests to organizations that serve children and adults in congregate and health care settings. The proposed redistribution is reflective of current and anticipated need in the coming months. The balance of the tests will be distributed to schools, camps, child care centers and health care settings at no cost to them. The chart below provides an estimated number of tests to be distributed to each type of provider:

	Estimated number of tests to be distributed
Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)	187,736
Public Health Networks (PHN)*	140,800
Schools (SY22/SY23)	187,736
Summer camps (summer 2022 only)	140,800
Childcare Programs (SY22/SY23)	93,880
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>750,952</b>

The remaining tests will be held in reserve. The Department will continue to monitor availability and need for antigen tests, and will redistribute tests within these categories as necessary, including redistributing tests in reserve based on expiration date.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Transfers from Other Agency.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIS 22 043

Late Item

January 18, 2022

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Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$12,012,000 which will be used to pay for At-Home COVID test kits effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.<sup>1</sup> 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-094-940010-24650000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

<sup>1</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9519A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9519Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$70,711,508	\$12,012,000	\$82,723,508
	General Funds			
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$70,711,508</b>	<b>\$12,012,000</b>	<b>\$82,723,508</b>
020-500200	Current Expense	\$1	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,001
030-500301	Equipment	\$1	\$0	\$1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$2,121,473	\$0	\$2,121,473
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$49,373	\$12,000	\$61,373
042-500620	Post-Retirement Benefits	\$8,733	\$0	\$8,733
046-500464	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg, Ground)	\$1	\$0	\$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs; Bldg, Ground	\$1	\$0	\$1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$98,792	\$0	\$98,792
060-500601	Benefits	\$126,251	\$0	\$126,251
102-500731	Contracts for Program Service	\$57,035,657	\$0	\$57,035,657
103-502664	Contracts for Ops Services	\$11,271,224	\$0	\$11,271,224
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$70,711,508</b>	<b>\$12,012,000</b>	<b>\$82,723,508</b>

#### EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to purchase one million Covid-19 over-the-counter antigen tests. National antigen supply chains are limited which prevents New Hampshire residents from easily purchasing these tests through traditional access points (e.g. pharmacies, large retailers). With the continued increase in community spread of Covid-19 in New Hampshire, rapid and early detection is important to reduce the spread of disease throughout New Hampshire, limit the strain on our medical care system, and keep schools and businesses open.

To expedite their distribution to the public and maximize existing storage and distribution capabilities, New Hampshire Liquor Stores will sell these rapid antigen tests at cost, plus the administrative fee to cover the Liquor Stores' overhead. DHHS will coordinate any relevant messaging for public awareness via its Public Information Office and in conjunction with the NHLC, as needed. The funds from sales will be returned to the ARP funds which will then be reallocated to another eligible expense through the normal process.

The Department will monitor usage rates and coordinate with the New Hampshire Liquor Commission on relevant administrative activities.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

- Class 020 – The funds will be used to purchase the At Home COVID test kits
- Class 041 – The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.

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Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

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

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