

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR

**Executive Order 2006-2**  
**Continuing Emergency Prescription Drug Relief**

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire values the public health and welfare of its senior citizens who constitute dually eligible beneficiaries under the Medicare Modernization Act, Part D;

WHEREAS, the systems used by the federal government to process prescription benefits for dually eligible beneficiaries failed during implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act, Part D;

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2006, in immediate response to this failure, Governor John H. Lynch issued Executive Order 2006-1 to provide emergency relief to dually eligible beneficiaries under the Medicare Modernization Act, Part D, pending the enactment of remedial legislation ;

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire General Court acted promptly to pass SB 393-FN-A during an emergency session to provide temporary financial assistance for dually eligible beneficiaries seeking to purchase prescription drugs until March 1, 2006;

WHEREAS, the systems used by the federal government to process prescription benefits for dually eligible beneficiaries continue to fail and have not been repaired adequately;

WHEREAS, many dually eligible beneficiaries in this State have relied on Executive Order 2006-1 and the emergency legislation in order to obtain medications that are necessary for their health, welfare and safety;

WHEREAS, any lapse in the provision of temporary, emergency relief to dually eligible beneficiaries will create a threat to the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state and requires a further invocation of Governor Lynch's emergency powers pursuant to RSA 4:45;

WHEREAS, this declaration of a state of emergency shall apply throughout the State of New Hampshire and shall be in duration for 21 days to allow a sufficient opportunity for the General Court to enact additional remedial legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution do hereby order the following: