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June 27, 2022

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to make a one-time unencumbered payment to the Town of Hampstead (VC#177515), in the amount of \$139,191 to address property tax base impacts resulting from the acquisition of Hampstead Hospital, effective July 1, 2022, or upon Governor and Council approval, whichever is later. 33% Federal Funds. 67% Other Funds (Provider Revenues).

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Year 2023.

**05-95-98-980010-2648 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HAMPSTEAD HOSPITAL, HAMPSTEAD HOSPITAL OPERATIONS**

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2023	102-500731	Contracts for Opr Svc	xxxx	\$139,191
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$139,191</b>

**EXPLANATION**

On January 26, 2022, the Governor and Executive Council approved the Department's request to enter into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Hampstead Outlook, Inc. for the acquisition of Hampstead Hospital, which is a 111 bed facility specializing in children's behavioral health located on a 95 acre property in the Town of Hampstead New Hampshire. RSA 72:23 exempts the State from paying property taxes. Consequently, the Town of Hampstead's property tax base will be impacted by the State's purchase of the property. The purpose of this one-time payment is to offset the impact to the Town's property tax base during State Fiscal Year 2023 only.

The Department will work with the legislature during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session through biennial budget process (i.e., House Bills 1 and 2) to address the property tax base impact resulting from the Hampstead Hospital acquisition.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Shibinette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Lori A. Shibinette  
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