



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
 Governor

April 30, 2020

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

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
 And the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, and as further extended by Executive Order 2020-08, and Emergency Order #31, Governor Sununu has authorized the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) authority to transfer \$45,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) in support of the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program established by Emergency Order #31. Effective upon the Governor's approval through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds

Funding has been transferred from the following accounting unit:

01-02-02-020110-19110000 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR		
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>TRANSFER REQUEST</u>
085 -INTERAGCY XFR OUT OF FED FND	588527	\$ 45,000,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,000,000
<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>		
FEDERAL FUNDS	400338	\$ 45,000,000
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 45,000,000

- Further, the Governor has authorized NHES to accept and expend \$45,000,000 from the GOFERR in support of the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program established by Emergency Order #31. These initial appropriations have been budgeted as allocated below. This appropriation will cover an estimated six weeks of stipend payments outlined in the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program. Effective upon the Governor's approval through June 30, 2020. 100% Other Funds.

Funds have been budgeted as follows:

02-27-27-270010-19140000 COVID19 LTC STABILIZATION PRG		
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>
049 -TRANSFER TO OTHER AGENCY	584991	\$ 300,000
	584942	\$ 300,000

	584943	\$ 600,000
102 - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	500731	\$ 43,800,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,000,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
OOD - Transfer of Federal Funds	488502	\$ 45,000,000
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 45,000,000

EXPLANATION

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, on April 16th, Governor Sununu issued Emergency Order #31 which established the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program. The COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program will help stabilize the front line work not able to be conducted remotely by certain qualifying Medicaid providers.

The program includes providers that support aging seniors and people with developmental disabilities, as well as individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders, youth residential treatment providers, and developmental disability service providers who provide residential or community/home-based care. The program will provide temporary stabilization funding to incentivize front line, direct care workers to remain or rejoin this critical workforce during the COVID-19 Emergency. The program will help ensure that these critical providers who support some of New Hampshire's most vulnerable persons are able to provide continued services throughout the COVID-19 Emergency. Under the program, qualifying full-time front line employees will receive \$300 per week and qualifying part-time front line employees will receive \$150 per week.

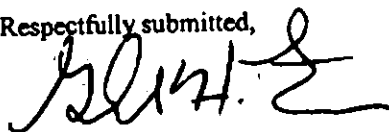
This is a short-term program intended to provide financial support as quickly as possible while the State seeks any necessary amendments to the Medicaid State Plan and/or Appendix K approval through the 1915 (c) waivers from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in order to operationalize additional Medicaid assistance. This first phase of the program will conclude as soon as additional payments can be made through the State's Medicaid program, or if Medicaid funds are not available, the overall program will end on June 30, 2020.

The funds have been budgeted in the following classes:

Class 049 Transfer to Other Agency will be used to transfer funds to the Glenclyff Home, Veterans' Home and the Sununu Youth Services Center for payment of the stipend amounts outlined in the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program.

Class 102 Contracts for Program Services will be used to provide stipend payments to employers of qualified individuals outlined in the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program.

Respectfully submitted,



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