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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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) to budget and expend funds collected by DCYF and the Bureau of Improvement & Integrity (BII), Parental Reimbursement Unit (PRU) on behalf of DCYF in the amount of \$1,200,000, effective upon date of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2020, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below.

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HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, CHILD PROTECTION, CHILD - FAMILY SERVICES

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CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Requested Change	Revised Modified Budget
000-404230	Federal Funds	\$ 31,530,640	\$ -	\$ 31,530,640
007-407139	Other Funds	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
	General Fund	\$ 44,005,984	\$ -	\$ 44,005,984
	Total Revenue	\$ 75,536,624	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 76,736,624
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ 13,500
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 33,869	\$ -	\$ 33,869
049-584902	Transfer to Other State Agencies	\$ 17,975	\$ -	\$ 17,975
101-500729	Medical Payments to Providers	\$ 336	\$ -	\$ 336
102-506223	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 1,709,705	\$ -	\$ 1,709,705
103-506224	Contracts for Operational Services	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ 160,000
108-500751	Provider Payments-Legal Services	\$ 90,216	\$ -	\$ 90,216
533-500373	Foster Care Services	\$ 1,307	\$ -	\$ 1,307
535-500376	Out of Home Placements	\$ 28,446,776	\$ -	\$ 28,446,776
550-500398	Assessment and Counseling	\$ 1,096	\$ -	\$ 1,096
563-500915	Community Based Services	\$ 9,633,162	\$ -	\$ 9,633,162
636-504180	Title IV-E Foster Care Placement	\$ 6,554,384	\$ -	\$ 6,554,384
637-504180	Title IV-E Foster Care Service	\$ 413,173	\$ -	\$ 413,173
638-504181	Title IV-E Foster Care Other	\$ 93,450	\$ -	\$ 93,450
639-504184	Title IV-A/TANF Emergency Assistance Placement	\$ 4,820,166	\$ -	\$ 4,820,166
640-504185	Title IV-A/TANF Emergency Assistance Service	\$ 1,617,843	\$ -	\$ 1,617,843
642-504187	TANF MOE	\$ 1,440,073	\$ -	\$ 1,440,073
643-504191	State General Funds for Placement	\$ 8,970,117	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 10,170,117
644-504195	State General Funds for Services	\$ 4,875,308	\$ -	\$ 4,875,308
645-504004	State General Funds for Other	\$ 1,346,500	\$ -	\$ 1,346,500
646-504006	Title IV-E Adoption Placement	\$ 5,182,745	\$ -	\$ 5,182,745
647-504007	Title IV-E Adoption Services	\$ 8,902	\$ -	\$ 8,902
648-504015	Title IV-E Adoption Admin Only	\$ 106,021	\$ -	\$ 106,021
	Total Expense	\$ 75,536,624	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 76,736,624

EXPLANATION

This request is to budget and expend funds collected by both DCYF and BII. NH RSA 169-B:40, 169-C:27 and 169-D:29 provide that the State of New Hampshire has the authority that when children are court ordered into placement their benefits such as social security and child support are redirected to the state. The state receives these funds to use in the best interest of the child. This includes food, clothing, shelter, medical care and services to support the child's safety and well-being. In addition, NH RSA 169-B:40, 169-C:27 and 169-D:29 provide that the State of New Hampshire has a right of action against the parents (or persons chargeable by law for the child's support and necessities) for expenses incurred for

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services, placements and programs provided to the child or the child's family. In recent years, this authority has been removed for certain cases, specifically voluntary services under the Child Protection Act under RSA 167-C:27, and voluntary services under the Children in Need of Services or CHINS under RSA 167-D:29. However, the reimbursement is paid for a period of time equal to the length of time services were provided plus four years beyond when the services end. Therefore, although the Parental Reimbursement unit is no longer pursuing reimbursement for certain case types, revenue is still received for established cases.

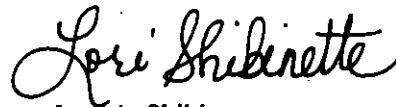
Historically these funds have been budgeted. The approved budget for FY 20 & 21 did not include these funds. The funds will be budgeted in Class 643 to pay placement costs for youth that do not meet eligibility requirements for Federal funding.

Should this request not be approved, providers caring for New Hampshire children in out of home placements will not receive payment for services rendered.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Other Funds.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner