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January 21, 2015

The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court, and

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
And the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a,VI, Additional Revenues, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Medicaid Business and Policy, to accept and expend Other funds in the amount of \$334,000 from the New Hampshire Insurance Department, to assist in the funding of the New Hampshire Comprehensive Health Information System data consolidation effort, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2015. 100% Other Funds.

Authorize the funds to be allocated as follows:

05-095-047-470010-7937 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: COMMISSIONER, OFF MEDICAID & BUSINESS POLICY, MEDICAID ADMINISTRATION

CLASS/OBJECT CLASS TITLE	CURRENT AUTHORIZED BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE	REVISED MODIFIED BUDGET
000-403951 Federal funds	\$10,628,494.63		\$10,628,494.63
001-403626 Transfer from other agencies	\$1,707.00	\$334,000.00	\$335,707.00
General Funds	\$8,486,712.96		\$8,486,712.96
Total Revenue	\$19,116,914.59	\$334,000.00	\$19,450,914.59

CLASS/OBJECT	CLASS TITLE	CURRENT AUTHORIZED BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE	REVISED MODIFIED BUDGET
010-500100	Personnel Services – Permanent	\$2,503,628.00		\$2,503,628.00
	Personnel Services –			
012-500128	Unclassified	\$601,559.00		\$601,559.00
018-500106	Overtime	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$189,932.32		\$189,932.32
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$6,494.00		\$6,494.00
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$9,800.00		\$9,800.00
030-500300	Equipment	\$5,410.00		\$5,410.00
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$48,983.00		\$48,983.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$54,184.00		\$54,184.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$8,320.00		\$8,320.00
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$161,627.00		\$161,627.00
	Transfers to Other State			
049-500294	Agencies	\$97,205.00		\$97,205.00
050-500103	Personal Services – Temporary	\$50,850.00		\$50,850.00
060-500601	Benefits	\$1,562,865.00		\$1,562,865.00
066-500802	Employee Training	\$6,476.00		\$6,476.00
070-500700	In-State Travel	\$14,911.00		\$14,911.00
080-500800	Out of State Travel	\$12,627.00		\$12,627.00
101-500729	Medical Payments to Providers	\$401,221.00		\$401,221.00
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$13,330,822.27	\$334,000.00	\$13,664,882.27
	Total Expenditures	\$19,116,914.59	\$334,000.00	\$19,450,914.59

### EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to accept and expend funds to support collaboration between the Office of Medicaid Business and Policy and the New Hampshire Insurance Department to develop a Comprehensive Health Care Information System. Federal Funds were accepted by the New Hampshire Insurance Department and are now being passed through to the Department of Health and Human Services. A Memorandum of Agreement to support this collaboration was renewed and approved by the Governor and Executive Council on September 3, 2014 (Item # 55) with an effective date of October 1, 2014 (see attached). However, no expenses have incurred to date specific to these funds. This funding will be used to pay for future expenses with the contractor.

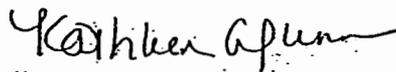
The Comprehensive Health Care Information System will collect insurance claims and health care quality data. The data collected will provide important comparative information to enhance efficiencies in the state's Medicaid program, to review health care utilization, expenditures, and performance in New Hampshire, and to enhance the ability of New Hampshire consumers and employers to make informed and cost-effective health care choices. The Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for maintaining the data and bears all expenses associated with the collection and maintenance.

Class 102 The funds will be used for a contract to develop and support a Comprehensive Health Care Information System. The contractor will provide analytic datasets; research and recommend ways to improve claims data sets by identifying potential ways to improve the health data for New Hampshire; and support ongoing analysis of Medicaid data.

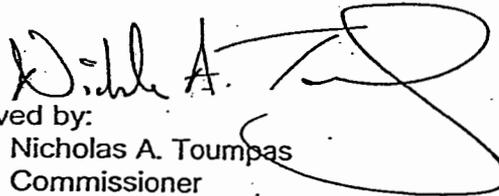
In response to the anticipated two-part question, "Can these funds be used to offset general funds?" and "What is the compelling reason for not offsetting general funds?" The Department offers the following information: These Other funds are a 100% federal funds awarded to the New Hampshire Insurance Department, that are being passed through to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. These funds cannot be used to offset general funds, as they are restricted to the activities referenced herein. Should the request be denied, the funds in question must be returned to the Federal Government and the State of New Hampshire will be out of compliance with Federal requirements to establish a Comprehensive Health Care Information System.

Geographic area served: Statewide

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Dunn, MPH  
Associate Commissioner  
Medicaid Director



Approved by:  
Nicholas A. Toumpas  
Commissioner



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

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Roger A. Seviigny  
Commissioner

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August 18, 2014

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID) to exercise a renewal option in a Memorandum of Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), (originally approved by the Governor and Council on June 12, 2012, Item #33), to reimburse DHHS, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, for a portion of the next three-year costs incurred by DHHS in collecting data pursuant to RSA 420-G:11-a. This is in support of NHID's premium rate review initiative to evaluate options for improving the health insurance rate review process and transparency related to health insurance premiums and medical care costs in New Hampshire. This agreement is to be effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016; effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

The funding is available in account titled Premium Rate Review Grant as follows.  
Funding for FY16 is contingent upon the availability and continued appropriations of funds.  
Funding for FY17 is contingent upon the award and acceptance of Rate Review Grant Cycle IV.

	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
02-24-24-240010-59780000-049-500294 Transfer to Other State Agencies	\$334,000	\$333,000	\$333,000

EXPLANATION

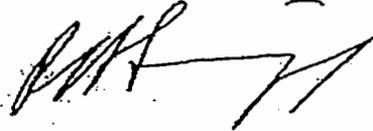
The need to renew the current MOA is to continue the work being done under the original Rate Review Cycle II grant period to support improving the health insurance premium rate review process and transparency related to health insurance premiums and medical care costs in New Hampshire.

Under the grant NHID has partnered with DHHS to improve the effectiveness and transparency of the rate review process in order to best serve the people of New Hampshire. A key aspect of this work has involved an effort to maintain and improve the health benefits all-payer claims database that is administered jointly by NHID and DHHS under RSA 420-G: 11-a. Through the Memorandum of Agreement between NHID and DHHS, a portion of the grant funds will be used to support the collection of health care claims data sets, pursuant to RSA 420-G:11-a and NH Code of Admn. Rules Ins 4000, submitted annually by health insurance carriers, third-party payers, third-party administrators, and health care claims processors that provide administrative services for a self-insured plan sponsor to DHHS, or another designated agent of the NHID. These data are crucial to efforts to improve the effectiveness and transparency of the health insurance rate review process.

For this reason the Insurance Department respectfully requests that the Governor and Council approve this Memorandum of Agreement.

Your consideration of the request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Sevigny', written over a horizontal line.

Roger A. Sevigny

**Memorandum of Agreement  
Between the New Hampshire Insurance Department  
and the  
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services**

**Agreement Relative to Contributing to Fund the New Hampshire  
Comprehensive Health Information System pursuant to RSA 420-G:II-a**

**Effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016  
with the option to renew upon agreement of both parties**

**Parties:**

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is between the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID).

**Purpose of the MOA:**

The purpose of the MOA is to define the terms of the agreement of the NHID to contribute to the cost incurred by the DHHS in collecting data pursuant to RSA 420-G:11-a.

Pursuant to RSA 420-G:11-a and N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Ins 4000, health insurance carriers, third-party payers, third-party administrators and health care claims processors that provide administrative services for a self-insured plan sponsor must submit health care claims data sets annually to DHHS, or another designated agent of the NHID.

The data collected pursuant to NHID data rules are used extensively by the NHID in its analyses, and the NHID anticipates that the data collection process will be enhanced in connection with changes to the NHID premium rate review process and NHID efforts to improve health care cost transparency.

**Intent of the Parties:**

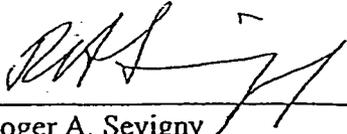
The parties intend that this MOA will enable the NHID to make a fair and reasonable contribution to DHHS for the cost of collecting the data. Under the contract, the total price for data collection is anticipated to be approximately \$1.5 million over three years, subject to continued access to Cycle III and future IV Premium Rate Review Grant funds and legislative approval of the next biennial budget. The intent of the parties in this MOA is for the NHID to contribute approximately \$1 million of the total three-year cost of data collection for State Fiscal Years 2015, 2016, and 2017, in increments based on approximately one-third per state fiscal year beginning in October 2014.

The parties intend that the option to renew this MOA will be exercised, and that the NHID will continue to contribute to the cost of the data collection with subsequent renewals. Further, the parties agree that the specific amount that the NHID will contribute to future Agreements for data collection under RSA 420-G:11-a shall be negotiated with the level dependent on available grant funds.

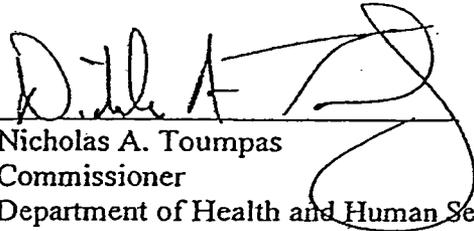
The parties further intend that this MOA shall not change, affect or alter any existing responsibilities or authority of the parties with regard to the collection of data pursuant to RSA 420-G:11-a.

This MOA is entered into and supported by the NH Insurance Department and Department of Health and Human Services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective parties have hereunto set their hands on the dates indicated.

  
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Roger A. Sevigny  
Commissioner  
New Hampshire Insurance Department

8-19-14  
Date

  
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Nicholas A. Toumpas  
Commissioner  
Department of Health and Human Services

8/15/14  
Date

**Attorney General** This is to certify that the above AGREEMENT has been reviewed by this office and is approved as to form and execution.

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Date

  
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Assistant Attorney General

**Secretary of State** This is to certify that the GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL on \_\_\_\_\_ approved this AGREEMENT.

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Date

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Attest

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Secretary of State