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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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, Office of the Commissioner, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$12,012,000 which will be used to pay for At-Home COVID test kits effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.¹ 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-094-940010-24650000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9519A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9519Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$70,711,508	\$12,012,000	\$82,723,508
	General Funds			
	Total Revenue	\$70,711,508	\$12,012,000	\$82,723,508
020-500200	Current Expense	\$1	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,001
030-500301	Equipment	\$1	\$0	\$1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$2,121,473	\$0	\$2,121,473
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$49,373	\$12,000	\$61,373
042-500620	Post-Retirement Benefits	\$8,733	\$0	\$8,733
046-500464	Consultants	\$1	\$0	\$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg, Ground)	\$1	\$0	\$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs; Bldg, Ground	\$1	\$0	\$1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$98,792	\$0	\$98,792
060-500601	Benefits	\$126,251	\$0	\$126,251
102-500731	Contracts for Program Service	\$57,035,657	\$0	\$57,035,657
103-502664	Contracts for Ops Services	\$11,271,224	\$0	\$11,271,224
	Total Expenses	\$70,711,508	\$12,012,000	\$82,723,508

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to purchase one million Covid-19 over-the-counter antigen tests. National antigen supply chains are limited which prevents New Hampshire residents from easily purchasing these tests through traditional access points (e.g. pharmacies, large retailers). With the continued increase in community spread of Covid-19 in New Hampshire, rapid and early detection is important to reduce the spread of disease throughout New Hampshire, limit the strain on our medical care system, and keep schools and businesses open.

To expedite their distribution to the public and maximize existing storage and distribution capabilities, New Hampshire Liquor Stores will sell these rapid antigen tests at cost, plus the administrative fee to cover the Liquor Stores' overhead. DHHS will coordinate any relevant messaging for public awareness via its Public Information Office and in conjunction with the NHLC, as needed. The funds from sales will be returned to the ARP funds which will then be reallocated to another eligible expense through the normal process.

The Department will monitor usage rates and coordinate with the New Hampshire Liquor Commission on relevant administrative activities.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

- Class 020 – The funds will be used to purchase the At Home COVID test kits
- Class 041 – The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per State requirement.

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Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

In the event that these Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner