



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

April 23, 2020

Gerald Little
Director
Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Director Little,

Pursuant to my authority under RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05 & Emergency Order #31. I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. 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 created by Emergency Order #31, effective through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.
2. Contingent on action item #1, authorize NHES to accept and expend \$45,000,000 from the GOFERR in support of the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program created by Emergency Order #31. These initial appropriations will be budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment. This appropriation will cover an estimated six weeks of stipend payments outlined in the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program, effective through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to take the actions necessary to effectuate this authorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services
CC George Copadis, Commissioner, Department of Employment Security



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April 22, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
State House
Concord, NH 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04, AS
EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05 & EMERGENCY ORDER #31**

Dear Governor Sununu,

- The Governor’s Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests 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 created by Emergency Order #31. Effective upon your approval through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds

Funding will be transferred from the following accounting unit:

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

- Contingent on action item #1, authorize NHES to accept and expend \$45,000,000 from the GOFERR in support of the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program created by Emergency Order #31. These initial appropriations will be 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 your approval through June 30, 2020. 100% Other Funds.

Funds will be budgeted as follows:

02-27-27-270010-19140000 COVID19 LTC STABILIZATION PRG		
CLASS	ACCOUNT	BUDGET REQUEST
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		
00D – 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerald H. Little
 Director, GOFERR