



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

May 5, 2020

Lori Shibinette  
Commissioner  
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Commissioner Shibinette,

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; and Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05 and 2020-08, I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

1. Accept and expend funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in the amount of \$2,351,919, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, through June 30, 2021. (100% Federal)

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



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

BUREAU OF ELDERLY AND ADULT SERVICES

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May 4, 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 AND FURTHER EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-  
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Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend additional federal funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in the amount of \$2,351,919 effective upon the date of your approval through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in accounts as follows:

**05-95-48-482010-2157, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT,  
HHS: ELDERLY & ADULT SVCS DIV, WAIVER AND NURSING FACILITIES, MQIP PAYMENTS**

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-404362	Federal Funds	\$49,831,806	\$2,351,919	\$52,183,725
007-402241	Agency Income	\$49,791,649		\$49,791,649
	General Fund	\$0		\$0
	Total Revenue	\$99,623,455	\$2,351,919	\$101,975,374
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$40,157	\$2,352	\$42,509
516-500358	Medicaid Quality incentive	\$99,583,298	\$2,349,567	\$101,932,865
	Total Expense	\$99,623,455	\$2,351,919	\$101,975,374

### EXPLANATION

The public health emergency for COVID-19 was declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020. Section 6008(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) provides a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) under section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act effective beginning January 1, 2020 and is available for each calendar quarter during the public health emergency, through the end of the quarter in which the public health emergency including any extensions, ends.

The Department is requesting to accept and expend the federal matching dollars to support an increase in anticipated costs at Nursing Facilities across the state.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Shibinette". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lori A. Shibinette  
Commissioner