



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

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

July 7, 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 Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, and 2020-14 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Transfer \$30,000,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security (NHES) in support of the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program created by Emergency Order #31, as modified and expanded by Emergency Order #45 and #55. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authorize NHES to accept and expend \$30,000,000 from the GOFERR in support of the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program established by Emergency Order #31, as modified and extended by Emergency Order #45 and #55, to cover the extended period of eligibility of stipend payments outlined in the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Other 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



# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

for

## EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

July 6, 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, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10 and 2020-14, EMERGENCY  
ORDER #31, AS MODIFIED AND EXTENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDER #45 AND 55**

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office For Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer \$30,000,000 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, as modified and expanded by Emergency Order #45 and #55. Effective upon your approval through December 31, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds for the transfer payment are available in 01-02-002-020210 - Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery, 19110000 - Office of the Director, as follows:

085-588527 – Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds      FY 2021  
\$30,000,000

1. Contingent on Requested Action #1, authorize NHES to accept and expend \$30,000,000 from the GOFERR in support of the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program established by Emergency Order #31, as modified and extended by Emergency Order #45 and #55. These appropriations will be budgeted as allocated below. This appropriation will cover the extended period of eligibility of stipend payments outlined in the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program. Effective upon your approval through December 31, 2020. 100% Other Funds.

Funds will be budgeted in FY2021 as follows:

02-27-27-270010-19140000 COVID19 LTC STABILIZATION PRG		
CLASS	ACCOUNT	REQUESTED BUDGET
049 - TRANSFER TO OTHER AGENCY	584991	\$ 230,000
	584942	\$ 50,000
	584943	\$ 565,000
102 - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	500731	\$ 29,155,000
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 30,000,000</b>
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
00D - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	488502	\$ 30,000,000
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 30,000,000</b>

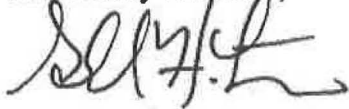
**EXPLANATION**

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 was modified by Emergency Order #45 on May 18, 2020, and extended by Emergency Order #55 on June 25, 2020.

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 provides temporary stabilization funding to incentivize front line, direct care workers to remain or rejoin this critical workforce during the COVID-19 Emergency. The program helps 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. The overall program will end on July 31, 2020. The first 10 weeks of the program was funded by an initial \$45 Million transfer to NHES from the GOFERR. This transfer will fund the remainder of the program.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerald H. Little  
Director, GOFERR