



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 31, 2020

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

Dear Commissioner Shibinette,

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, 2020-14, 2020-15, and 2020-16 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 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for an additional 6.2 percentage increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) in the amount of \$314,387, budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through June 30, 2021. (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 "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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August 24, 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 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04
AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15 AND 2020-16**

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 \$314,387 effective upon the date of your approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in accounts as follows:

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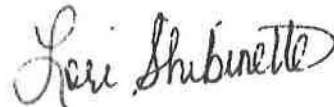
CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase / (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-401861	Federal Funds	\$20,165,550	\$314,387	\$20,479,937
005-402172	Private Local - County	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000
009-407079	Agency income	\$0		\$0
	General Funds	\$10,146,565	\$0	\$10,146,565
	Total Revenue	\$40,312,115	\$314,387	\$40,626,502
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$18,984	\$314	\$19,298
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$40,293,131	\$314,073	\$40,607,204
	Total Expense	\$40,312,115	\$314,387	\$40,626,502

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 anticipated costs of the increase in Medicaid caseload resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Health Management Associates (HMA), a national healthcare research and consulting firm, estimated the impact of the COVID related economic downturn could result in an increase to New Hampshire's Medicaid caseload from 43,000 to 105,000 increased members.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shubinette
Commissioner