



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

June 11, 2021

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

Dear Director Caswell,

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, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-04, 2021-05, 2021-06, 2021-08, and 2021-10 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Authority for the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to retroactively extend the end date for the use of funds from the Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund, initially authorized on March 19, 2020 by Emergency Order #9, as amended, to allow the recipients of awards for revenue loss that were unable demonstrate sufficient revenue loss of at least the amount of the award, to alternatively demonstrate COVID-19 related expenses to offset up to the full amount of recoupment that would otherwise be owed. No additional funds, effective through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds)
2. Authority for GOFERR to enter into amendments to existing direct beneficiary awards or new sub-awards for new, expanded, or continued services or benefits related to COVID-19 with the existing awardees for use of the remaining award balances through December 31, 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 "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC: Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



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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 ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, AND
2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01,
AND 2021-02, 2021-04, 2021-05, 2021-06, 2021-08, AND 2021-10**

Dear Governor Sununu:

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests retroactive authority to amend the accept and expend Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding for the Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF), initially authorized on March 19, 2020 by Emergency Order #9 and subsequently expanded, modified and amended by authorizations or emergency orders issued on April 16, 2020, May 7, 2020, May, 18, 2020 and September 24, 2020 for awards in multiple rounds to Hospitals, Healthcare providers and Long Term Care Providers to allow the recipients of awards for revenue loss and/or COVID-related expenses that were unable to demonstrate sufficient loss or expenses of at least the amount of the award, to alternatively demonstrate COVID-19 related expenses to offset up to the full amount of recoupment that would otherwise be owed.

This authorization is a modification of the original programs that will not require any additional funds, effective upon approval by the Governor through December 31, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF), initially authorized on March 19, 2020, and subsequently expanded, modified and amended by authorizations or emergency orders issued on April 16, 2020, May 7, 2020, May, 18, 2020 and September 24, 2020 provided awards in multiple rounds to Hospitals, Healthcare providers, and Long Term Care Providers.

These programs based awards on both revenue loss and COVID-related expenses during 2020 and required reporting to confirm that the awardees had at least as much revenue loss and/or COVID-19 related expenses as the amount of the award to demonstrate that they had sustained as a negative impact from the public health emergency. Following receipt and review of required reporting regarding these programs, it became apparent that many entities experienced a negative impact of the pandemic but in more ways than they were able to demonstrate under the initial terms of their relief award.

On December 27, 2020 Section 1001 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, amending the CARES Act CRF provisions by extending the end of the covered period for CRF expenditures from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021, was approved by the President.

Other programs, such as the relief programs for non-profits and other for-profit programs, have been allowed to demonstrate the negative impacts of the pandemic with expanded COVID-related expenses in 2020 and/or into 2021. GOFERR also received significant input that COVID-related expenses for health care providers were in excess of relief previously provided and carried into this year. The State should recognize the important role played by our health care providers in this health crisis and extend to the recipients that so desire the ability to use the remaining balance of these awards to cover additional COVID-19 related expenses in 2021 or to identify 2020 COVID expense that they previously failed to claim.

To qualify for relief under the Health Care Recoupment Relief Program, applicants must have first received an award in the afore mentioned programs. Relief provided in this program will not exceed the amount of recoupment owed by each entity and will not require additional relief funds as a result.

Based on the foregoing, GOFERR respectfully requests that the authorization for the Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (EHSRF), which provided awards in multiple rounds to Hospitals, Healthcare providers and Long Term Care Providers, be amended as requested, extending the program authorizations through 2021 and allowing for consideration of additional COVID-19 related expenses up to the full amount of the recoupment owed.

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Caswell
Executive Director, GOFERR