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DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to enter into a **Retroactive, Sole Source** amendment to existing agreements with an unspecified number of home care organizations and to make unencumbered payments to participating organizations that provide vaccinations for individuals who are homebound, with no change to the shared price limitation of \$1,500,000 across all participating organizations, by extending the completion date from May 31, 2021, to July 31, 2021, effective upon Governor approval. 100% Federal Funds.

The original contract was approved by the Governor on March 8, 2021 and presented to the Executive Council on April 7, 2021, (Item E).

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Year 2021, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-90-902510-1956-HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL, IMMUNIZATION-COVID-19

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Budget	Increased (Decreased) Amount	Revised Budget
2021	102-500731	Contracts for Prog Svc	90023210	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
			Total	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000

EXPLANATION

This request is **Sole Source** because the contract was originally approved as sole source and MOP 150 requires any subsequent amendments to be labeled as sole source. In addition, the Department, in the interest of the public's health and safety, determined the Contractors had the capacity to immediately begin conducting COVID-19 mobile vaccinations.

The purpose of this request is to continue to make unencumbered payments to participating home care organizations statewide in accordance with the COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination Provider Agreement that has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's

Office. Given the large number of potential home care organizations needed to support ongoing vaccination efforts, this action will ensure a streamlined and efficient process that will prevent delays in the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to individuals who are homebound.

The population served includes residents statewide. The exact number of residents of the State of New Hampshire who will be served will depend on the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Contractors are working with the established Regional Public Health Networks to ensure individuals who fall under these services are vaccinated in a timely and effective manner. When staff go into the home of the individual, they conduct a physical assessment, administer the vaccination, and monitor the individual for vital signs. The Contractors' staff also transport vaccines in their vehicles and adhere to all Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements.

The Department is monitoring contracted services by reviewing daily reports of the number of individuals vaccinated. In addition, any adverse reactions to the vaccination or unusual circumstances are being reported the Department immediately.

As referenced in Section 1.17.5 of the original agreements, the parties have the option to extend the agreements for up to one (1) additional year, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties, and Governor and Council approval. The Department is exercising its option to renew services for four (4) months of the four (4) months available.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: CFDA #93.268, FAIN # NH23IP922595

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner

I hereby approve this request pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of 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, and suspend the Manual of Procedures 150, V., B., 1 requirements.

6.4.21
Date


Name: Governor Christopher T. Sununu