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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 9:16-a, Transfers Authorized, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, to transfer general funds in the amount of \$1,400,000 effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2021, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the account below. 100% General Funds.

05-95-47-470010-79480000, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF HHS: OFF. OF MEDICAID & BUS. POLICY, MEDICAID CARE MANAGEMENT

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
000-403978	Federal Funds	\$421,517,396		\$421,517,396
005-402201	Agency Income: Medicaid Enhancement - Local	\$147,520,000		\$147,520,000
007-407145	Agency Income Drug Rebates	\$29,153,034		\$29,153,034
009-406848	Agency Income MEAD	\$168,378		\$168,378
009-405615	Agency - MCO Liquid Damages	\$0		\$0
	General Fund	\$202,095,241	\$ (1,400,000)	\$200,695,241
Total Revenue:		\$ 800,454,049	\$ (1,400,000)	\$ 799,054,049
<b>Expense</b>				
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$484,027	\$0	\$484,027
101-500729	Medical Payments to Providers	\$799,970,021	(\$1,400,000)	\$798,570,021
Total Expense:		\$800,454,048	(\$1,400,000)	\$799,054,048

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05-95-042-422010-7921 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS HUMAN SERVICES DIV, OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY, MINORITY HLTH/REFUGEE AFFAIRS

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Authorized Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
000-408181	Federal Funds	\$ 689,728	\$ -	\$ 689,728
	General Funds	\$ 669,100	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,069,100
Total Revenue:		\$ 1,358,828	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,758,828
<b>Expense</b>				
010-500100	Personal Services	\$ 330,565	\$ -	\$ 330,565
012-500128	Personal Services Unclassified	\$ 95,488	\$ -	\$ 95,488
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 2,542	\$ -	\$ 2,542
022-500248	Rents-Leases Other than State	\$ 1,712	\$ -	\$ 1,712
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
030-500301	Equipment New Replacement	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
041-500801	Audit Set Aside	\$ 620	\$ -	\$ 620
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$ 22,032	\$ -	\$ 22,032
060-500601	Benefits	\$ 202,455	\$ -	\$ 202,455
070-500704	In State Travel	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 692,985	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,092,985
211-500757	Catastrophic Casualty Ins.	\$ 79	\$ -	\$ 79
501-500891	Payments to Clients	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Total Expense:		\$ 1,358,828	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,758,828

**EXPLANATION**

The Department is requesting to transfer general funds from the Division of Medicaid Services to the Office of Health Equity to support the increased costs of the Department's Communication Access contract. The Office of Health Equity ensures equitable access to effective, quality Department Programs and services across all populations, with specialized focus on racial, ethnic, language, gender and sexual minorities, and individuals with disabilities. Services at a higher than anticipated rate have been provided in areas that can only be paid from general funds. These services are expected to continue through at least the end of the State Fiscal Year.

General funds are available in the Division of Medicaid budget from the public health emergency for COVID-19 that 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

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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 following is the information specifically required when transfers are requested, in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985, to support the above requested actions:

- A. Justification:  
Additional funds are needed to continue to provide the necessary communication access services that are provided to the members of the community. These services are also used by the Governor's office during the COVID-19 press conferences to provide vital information to the deaf and hard of hearing community.
- B. Does this transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?  
This transfer involves continuing programs.
- C. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program levels or will it increase the program?  
This transfer will address the increase in cost in providing these services for the clients the Department serves.
- D. Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory.  
The programs of the Department are mandated by various state and federal laws.
- E. Identify the source of funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.  
100% General Funds.
- F. Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is not approved?  
No
- G. Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?  
Funds that are in excess of the budget would lapse if not transferred to cover shortfalls.
- H. Are personnel services involved?  
No positions are involved with this transfer.

Area Served: Statewide

Respectfully submitted,



For

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