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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Health & Human Services, N.H. Hospital to continue one full-time temporary Nurse Practitioner, Position #8T2969, salary grade 28 effective **RETROACTIVE** to January 8, 2021 upon Governor and Council approval through January 8, 2022. 34% General Funds. 66% Other Funds (Agency Fees & Intra-Department Transfer).

Funding is available in account Acute Psychiatric Services as follows:	FY2021	FY2022
05-95-94-940010-87500000-050-500109 Part Time Salaries	$44,804	$59,206

EXPLANATION

The Nurse Practitioner, Position #8T2969, ended on January 7, 2021. This position is assigned to DHHS: NH Hospital Acute Psychiatric Services. This request is retroactive as the expiration date was missed and the position is still filled and needed to provide direct care to patients at NH Hospital.

The Nurse Practitioner position is a key leadership position at NH Hospital providing care for the most medically compromised psychiatric patients. The clinical expertise, treatment, professional guidance and thoughtful role modeling that is provided by a Nurse Practitioner is critical to the operations of NH Hospital. NHH opened two 20-bed adult admission units that were previously occupied by 20 – 24 children, ages 4-17. Psychiatric adult admissions are more compromised medically and require more medical care in most cases than children do. We are seeing more patients being admitted to our hospital with multiple morbidities and our medical staff provide a valuable needed service. We are in need of a competent Medical Nurse Practitioner to join the new adult admission team with a census of 20 acute psychiatric patients.

Your favorable consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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