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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 9:16-a, Transfers Authorized, the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to transfer other funds in the amount of \$2,700,000 between class lines, effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council through April 1, 2022. 100% Inter-Agency Funds.

05-95-95-950010-19190000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS:
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE , OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, COVID19 FEMA - DHHS

CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	Current Modified Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Modified Budget
OOD-488523	Other Funds	\$ 88,304,786	\$ -	\$ 88,304,786
	Total Revenue	\$ 88,304,786	\$ -	\$ 88,304,786
020-500200	Current Expense	\$ 37,263,225	\$ (2,700,000)	\$ 34,563,225
030-500301	Equipment	\$ 200,525	\$ -	\$ 200,525
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$ 347,375	\$ -	\$ 347,375
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000
103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	\$ 49,893,661	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 52,593,661
	Total Expense	\$ 88,304,786	\$ -	\$ 88,304,786

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to transfer funds between various class lines to increase access to at-home COVID-19 tests and as allowable from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Department would enter into a contract with Vault Health Inc. for \$8,000,000 to provide individuals including children, parents, teachers and school personnel, and other residents of New Hampshire to have access to at-home polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 tests. The Department would seek reimbursement from FEMA for COVID-19 tests that meet specific FEMA requirements for reimbursement, and utilize ARPA funds for COVID-19 tests that are not FEMA eligible for reimbursement. Vault Health is the only testing provider identified who

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has the ability to mobilize at-home testing kits across the State immediately upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

The Contractor is also the only vendor identified who provides at-home PCR tests conducted on saliva-based samples, which allows for the easy transport of specimens within prepaid return envelopes to the laboratory. The Contractor is immediately able to ship COVID-19 specimen collection kits to New Hampshire residents in any location across the state along with prepaid overnight return envelopes. The contractor is also willing to ship specimen collection kits with return envelopes in bulk quantities to locations determined by the Department such as schools and other locations to be able to reduce the turnaround time that persons wait until they receive their test results.

This transfer of funds also supports an existing contract with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. for temporary staff to assist the Department's ongoing COVID-19 public health response. The Contractor continues to provide temporary surge staffing to support COVID-19 testing, surveillance, prevention, and vaccination related public health activities as well as laboratory testing personnel, epidemiologists, outbreak investigators, and logistics staff through the end of December 31st.

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:
This transfer is necessary to continue COVID-19 response efforts. Additional funds are needed in Class 103 – Contracts of Operations Services for the contracts noted above.
- B. Does this transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?
This transfer involves continuing COVID-19 response efforts.
- C. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program levels or will it increase the program?
This transfer is required to maintain COVID-19 response efforts.
- 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% Inter-Agency 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?
No.
- H. Are personnel services involved?
No.

Respectfully submitted,



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