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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, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), in the amount of $20,462,940 effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. These funds will be used for the Department to respond to the Executive Order 2021-12. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.[1] 100% Federal Funds.

05-095-094-940010-24650000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ARPA DHHS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Class/Obj	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-400338	Federal Funds	$41,043,413	$20,462,940	$61,506,353
	General Funds			
	Total Revenue	**$41,043,413**	**$20,462,940**	**$61,506,353**
020-500200	Current Expense	$1	$0	$1
030-500301	Equipment	$1	$0	$1
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$2,121,473	$0	$2,121,473
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$38,892	$2,046	$40,938
042-500620	Post-Retirement Benefits	$8,733	$0	$8,733
046-500464	Consultants	$1	$0	$1
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	$1	$0	$1
048-500226	Contract Repairs; Bldg, Grounds	$1	$0	$1
059-500117	Temp Full Time	$98,792	$0	$98,792
060-500601	Benefits	$126,251	$0	$126,251

[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9512A-F and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9512Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$27,378,043	$20,460,894	$47,838,937
103-502664	Contracts for Ops Services	$11,271,224	$0	$11,271,224
	Total Expenses	**$41,043,413**	**$20,462,940**	**$61,506,353**

EXPLANATION

As outlined in Executive Order 2021-12 (EO), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must "...take immediate, targeted, and direct action to ensure all steps are taken to help individuals receive medical care in a timely and appropriate way." This item accepts ARPA funds to respond as the EO requires.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 041 – The funds will be used to pay for audit fund set aside per state requirement.

Class 102 – The funds will be used to make payments to the entities as described below:

Nursing Facilities, Total Cost Estimate $1,749,870.00
Ensuring that nursing facilities are paid for any Medicaid pending days that are not later reimbursed by Medicaid.

Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Total Cost Estimate $9,049,680.00
Ambulatory Surgical Centers will be designated as an Acute Care Center under RSA 141-C:26. This will allow them to take patients who need acute care and these funds will be used to reimburse them at the appropriate rate.

Rehabilitation Centers, Total Cost Estimate $3,212,856.00
These funds will be used to pay rehabilitation centers to accept nursing home residents waiting for a bed in a long-term care facility at the rehabilitation center rate.

Mid-Level Residential Care Facilities, Total Cost Estimate $448,488.00
Ensuring that nursing facilities are paid for any Medicaid pending days that are not later reimbursed by Medicaid.

Strike Teams for Long-Term Care Staffing, Total Cost $6,000,000
In order to create capacity at long-term care facilities. Rates are estimated to be between $200 - $300 an hour per staff.

Area served: Statewide

Source of funds: These funds are 100% Federal.

Respectfully submitted,

For

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