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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 Dietician Assistant, Position #8T3138, salary grade 11, effective October 1, 2023, upon Governor and Council approval, through September 30, 2024. 69% General Funds, 31% Other Funds (provider fees).

Funding is available in account NHH – Facility/Patient Support as follows:

		<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
05-95-094-940010-84100000-050-500109	Personal Svcs Temp	\$23,571	\$8,824
05-95-094-940010-84100000-060-500602	Benefits	\$5,358	\$1,935
	Total Salaries & Benefits	28,929	10,759

EXPLANATION

The Dietician Assistant, Position #8T3138, currently ends on September 30, 2023. This position was created in September 2022; after the submission of the 24/25 biennial budget request and therefore was not able to be converted during the budget process. The position is assigned to DHHS: NH Hospital Acute Psychiatric Services. The position is filled and needed to provide direct care to patients at NH Hospital. The Dietitian Assistant position is crucial in maintaining compliance with The Joint Commission standards.

This full-time Dietitian Assistant position is necessary to provide patients with meals that are nutritionally adequate, accurate with the prescriber orders, and compliant with food safety regulations. In addition, knowledge of therapeutic diets, the ability to manage a computerized patient menu system, and some experience in managing a tray-line is unique to this position within Food and Nutrition Services.

Your favorable consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

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