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**The State of New Hampshire  
Insurance Department**

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Concord, NH 03301

**David J. Bettencourt  
Commissioner**

**Keith E. Nyhan  
Deputy Commissioner**

October 25, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

- 1) Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Insurance Department to accept and expend the Expanding Access to Women's Health Grant from U.S Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). in the amount of \$610,871, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025 and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. **100% Federal Funds.**
  
- 2) Pursuant to RSA 124:15 and contingent upon approval of Requested Action #1, authorize the Insurance Department to establish Class 046 – Consultants for the purpose of supporting the "Expanding Access to Women's Health Grant" program effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.**

**Expanding Access to Women’s Health Grant 02-24-24-240010-XXXX**

			<b>FY 2025</b>
<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expense Account</b>	<b>New Appropriation</b>
41	Audit Set Aside	500801	\$611
46	Consultants	500464	\$610,260
Total Appropriation			\$610,871
000-400338-16: Federal Funds			\$610,871

**EXPLANATION**

The purpose of this request is to accept federal grant funds under the Expanding Access to Women’s Health Grant available for State Fiscal Year 2025 to support the Department’s efforts to improve access to essential women’s health services across the state, with a focus on preventive care, maternal health, and compliance with health insurance market reforms under Part A of Title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act). Under this grant, applicants may use grant funds for a variety of objectives related to planning and implementation of the following provisions of Part A of Title XXVII of the PHS Act:

Section 2707 – Comprehensive Health Insurance Coverage (Essential Health Benefits Package)

Section 2713 – Coverage of Preventive Health Services

New Hampshire’s grant funding, as approved by the U.S. DHHS and CMS, is for the following four projects:

Project 1: Conduct a study and produce a report on the current status of access to women’s health services in the state, existing impediments to access, and ways to improve access.

Project 2: Develop tools to improve regulatory oversight of issuers with respect to coverage for women’s health services.

Project 3: Assess New Hampshire’s current Essential Health Benefit-benchmark plan with particular attention to coverage for women’s health services, as well as the cost of broadening required coverage for women’s health services.

Project 4: Conduct an outreach and education campaign based on information learned in projects 1 and 3 in support of improved access to women's health services.

Funds are being budgeted in:

Audit Set Aside (class 041) - Per state requirements

Consultants (class 046) - To fund contracts with vendors who will be performing all the work under the grant

Area served: Statewide

The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981.

- 1) List of personnel involved: We will hire consultants to be supported by NHID Life and Health Division staff.
- 2) Nature, Need, and Duration: The nature of this grant is to support the Department's efforts to improve access to women's health services across New Hampshire, focusing on preventive care, maternal health, and health insurance market reforms. Grant funds are approved for use through September 2026.
- 3) Relationship to existing agency programs: This program would expand on the regulatory activities of the New Hampshire insurance Department.
- 4) Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied? No.
- 5) Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request? This grant was awarded to the New Hampshire Insurance Department on September 20, 2024 by the Department of Health and Human Services/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and therefore was not available during the FY 24/25 budget process.
- 6) Can portions of the grant funds be utilized? All grant funds are available to support the purposes of the projects' activities.
- 7) Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s): All grant funds will be used to contract with external consultants, with no grant funds being expended on Department positions.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal Funds

If Federal Funds cease to be available, General Funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Bettencourt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David J. Bettencourt

Commissioner



<b>Recipient Information</b>	
<b>1. Recipient Name</b>	Insurance Department, New Hampshire 21 S Fruit St Life and Health Division Concord, NH 03301-2428
<b>2. Congressional District of Recipient</b>	02
<b>3. Payment System Identifier (ID)</b>	1026000618M1
<b>4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)</b>	026000618
<b>5. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)</b>	808591051
<b>6. Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)</b>	DJE5JF2D6P23
<b>7. Project Director or Principal Investigator</b>	Leigh Curtis Health Insurance Reform Coordinator leigh.e.curtis@ins.nh.gov 603-271-2163
<b>8. Authorized Official</b>	Leigh Curtis Health Insurance Reform Coordinator leigh.e.curtis@ins.nh.gov 603-271-2163
<b>Federal Agency Information</b>	
Office of Acquisitions and Grants Management	
<b>9. Awarding Agency Contact Information</b>	Ms. Iris Grady Grants Management Specialist iris.grady@cms.hhs.gov 301-492-4321
<b>10. Program Official Contact Information</b>	James Taing James.Taing@Cms.Hhs.Gov None

<b>Federal Award Information</b>	
<b>11. Award Number</b>	2R2CMS331946-01-00
<b>12. Unique Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)</b>	2R2CMS331946
<b>13. Statutory Authority</b>	Section 2794 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act)
<b>14. Federal Award Project Title</b>	Expanding Access to Women's Health Grant
<b>15. Assistance Listing Number</b>	93.797
<b>16. Assistance Listing Program Title</b>	Section 2794 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act)
<b>17. Award Action Type</b>	New
<b>18. Is the Award R&amp;D?</b>	No

<b>Summary Federal Award Financial Information</b>	
<b>19. Budget Period Start Date</b>	09/20/2024 - End Date 09/19/2026
<b>20. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Action</b>	\$610,871.00
20a. Direct Cost Amount	\$610,871.00
20b. Indirect Cost Amount	\$0.00
<b>21. Authorized Carryover</b>	\$0.00
<b>22. Offset</b>	\$0.00
<b>23. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated this budget period</b>	\$0.00
<b>24. Total Approved Cost Sharing or Matching, where applicable</b>	\$0.00
<b>25. Total Federal and Non-Federal Approved this Budget Period</b>	\$610,871.00
<b>26. Period of Performance Start Date</b>	09/20/2024 - End Date 09/19/2026
<b>27. Total Amount of the Federal Award including Approved Cost Sharing or Matching this Period of Performance</b>	\$610,871.00

**28. Authorized Treatment of Program Income**  
ADDITIONAL COSTS

**29. Grants Management Officer - Signature**  
Mr. Geoffrey Ntosi  
Grants Management Officer

**30. Remarks**

Funds have been authorized in accordance with the final negotiated budget dated Sept 5, 2024. Please see the attached Program, and Standard Terms and Conditions.



Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Award

Award# 2R2CMS331946-01-00

FAIN# 2R2CMS331946

Federal Award Date: 09/20/2024

<b>Recipient Information</b>		<b>33. Approved Budget</b> (Excludes Direct Assistance)				
<b>Recipient Name</b> Insurance Department, New Hampshire 21 S Fruit St Life and Health Division Concord, NH 03301-2428		I. Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only II. Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation				
<b>Congressional District of Recipient</b> 02		<b>a. Salaries and Wages</b> \$0.00 <b>b. Fringe Benefits</b> \$0.00 <b>c. Total Personnel Costs</b> \$0.00 <b>d. Equipment</b> \$0.00 <b>e. Supplies</b> \$0.00 <b>f. Travel</b> \$0.00 <b>g. Construction</b> \$0.00 <b>h. Other</b> \$611.00 <b>i. Contractual</b> \$610,260.00				
<b>Payment Account Number and Type</b> 1026000618M1		<b>j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS</b> \$610,871.00				
<b>Employer Identification Number (EIN) Data</b> 026000618		<b>k. INDIRECT COSTS</b> \$0.00				
<b>Universal Numbering System (DUNS)</b> 808591051		<b>l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET</b> \$610,871.00				
<b>Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)</b> DJE5JF2D6P23		<b>m. Federal Share</b> \$610,871.00 <b>n. Non-Federal Share</b> \$0.00				
<b>31. Assistance Type</b> Project Grant						
<b>32. Type of Award</b> Other						
<b>34. Accounting Classification Codes</b>						
<b>FY-ACCOUNT NO.</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE CODE</b>	<b>OBJECT CLASS</b>	<b>CFDA NO.</b>	<b>AMT ACTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>
4-5992005	2R2331946A	2R2	4158	93.797	\$610,871.00	75-75-X-0112.005