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The State of New Hampshire
Insurance Department
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 14
Concord, NH 03301

David J. Bettencourt
Commissioner

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Deputy Commissioner

August 5, 2025

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

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
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 **retroactively** amend Fiscal Item # FIS 24-412, approved by the Fiscal Committee of the General Court on November 15, 2024 (item #7) and approved by the Governor and Executive Council on December 4, 2024 (item #3A) by extending the current end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend the Women’s Health Grant from the 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, 2027 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 “Women’s Health Grant” program effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.**

Expanding Access to Women’s Health Grant 02-24-24-240010-42590000

			FY 2026
Class	Description	Expense Account	New Appropriation
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 2026 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.

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? The agency was informed that this item had to come before the Fiscal Committee.
- 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 blue ink, appearing to read "D.J. Bettencourt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

David J. Bettencourt
Commissioner



Recipient Information

1. Recipient Name

Insurance Department, New Hampshire
21 S Fruit St
Life and Health Division
Concord, NH 03301-2428

2. Congressional District of Recipient

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3. Payment System Identifier (ID)

1026000618M1

4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)

026000618

5. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)

808591051

6. Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

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7. Project Director or Principal Investigator

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8. Authorized Official

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Federal Agency Information

Office of Acquisitions and Grants Management

9. Awarding Agency Contact Information

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10. Program Official Contact Information

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None

Federal Award Information

11. Award Number

2R2CMS331946-01-00

12. Unique Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)

2R2CMS331946

13. Statutory Authority

Section 2794 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act)

14. Federal Award Project Title

Expanding Access to Women's Health Grant

15. Assistance Listing Number

93.797

16. Assistance Listing Program Title

Section 2794 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act)

17. Award Action Type

New

18. Is the Award R&D?

No

Summary Federal Award Financial Information

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

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31. Assistance Type

Project Grant

32. Type of Award

Other

33. Approved Budget

(Excludes Direct Assistance)

I. Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only	
II. Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation	
a. Salaries and Wages	\$0.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$0.00
c. Total Personnel Costs	\$0.00
d. Equipment	\$0.00
e. Supplies	\$0.00
f. Travel	\$0.00
g. Construction	\$0.00
h. Other	\$611.00
i. Contractual	\$610,260.00
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$610,871.00
k. INDIRECT COSTS	\$0.00
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	\$610,871.00
m. Federal Share	\$610,871.00
n. Non-Federal Share	\$0.00

34. Accounting Classification Codes

FY-ACCOUNT NO.	DOCUMENT NO.	ADMINISTRATIVE CODE	OBJECT CLASS	CFDA NO.	AMT ACTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	APPROPRIATION
4-5992005	2R2331946A	2R2	4158	93.797	\$610,871.00	75-75-X-0112.005