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

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 9:16-a, Transfers Authorized and RSA 14:30-a, VI, Additional Revenue, the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to transfer general funds in the amount of \$2,253,015 and increase Federal revenues in the amount of \$2,253,015 to support projected Nursing Home Medicaid per diem rates. The transfers and adjustments are summarized below and detailed in the attached worksheets, effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2027. 50% General Funds. 50% Federal Funds.

General Funds	Transfers From	Transfers To
Division of Long Term Supports and Services	\$0	\$2,253,015
Division of Economic Stability	(\$2,253,015)	\$0
Total Department of Health and Human Services	(\$2,253,015)	\$2,253,015

EXPLANATION

The Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to transfer funds between accounts and class lines and to accept additional federal funds to supplement the Medicaid nursing facility budget to support Medicaid per diem rates for the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026. The Department updates the Medicaid reimbursement per-diem rates for nursing homes twice each year. Medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing homes are updated to reflect changes in allowable provider costs, inflation, and Case Mix Indices (CMIs) for the population.

Approval of this transfer will allow the average per diem rate change to be zero percent effective February 1, 2025. If this transfer is not approved, then the average per diem Medicaid rate across all nursing facility would decrease by 3.9 percent. This transfer would still result in some providers receiving a rate increase and others a rate reduction based on their allowable reported costs.

The Department updates rates, in accordance with existing regulations, utilizing cost report data, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services allowable market basket inflation, and the Budget Adjustment Factor of 28.76%. However, without this transfer, based on the updated cost report data provided to the Department by nursing facilities and the available budget, the average rate would decrease by 3.9 percent. For comparison, the July 1, 2025, rate setting process increased the average per diem rate by 2.4 percent.

Chapter 141:422, Laws of 2025 appropriated \$3 million of general funds to the Department for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide staffing support. The Department of Health and Human Services posted a request for proposals, which closed October 31, 2025. The Department received three proposals, and the winning bidder came in below the appropriated amount. Consequently, the Department seeks to transfer the remaining amount to support the Medicaid nursing facility per diem rates.

The attached *Appendix B, Narrative & Accounting Detail* document provides class line level detail and corresponding Account Level descriptions detailing the business needs and rationale for all transfer actions.

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:

See the attached Appendix B for justification of the availability of funds and required additional funds.

B. Does this transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?

This transfer involves moving available funds from a one-time project.

C. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program levels, or will it increase the program?

This transfer is required to ensure the average per diem nursing Medicaid rate has a net average change of 0 percent.

D. Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory.

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E. Identify the source of funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.

See Appendix B for the source of funds for all accounts.

F. Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is not approved?

The effect on revenue, including Federal participation, as a result of this transfer is detailed in the attached Appendix B.

G. Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?

These general funds would lapse if this transfer is not approved unless otherwise utilized for the required back of the budget reduction per Chapter 140, Section 12, 2025.

H. Are personnel services involved?

No.

The Department has conducted a detailed review of line items in the budget to ensure that available funds are maximized to the greatest degree possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachments:

- Appendix A Summary of Transfers
- Appendix B Narrative & Accounting Detail

APPENDIX A						
All Accounts	Account	General Funds Only			Net	Account
<u>General Funds</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Transfers From</u>	<u>Transfers To</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>FF/Oth</u>	<u>To</u>
Division of Economic Stability		(\$2,253,015)	\$0	(\$2,253,015)	\$ -	2152
Division of Long Term Supports and Services		\$0	\$2,253,015	\$2,253,015	\$ 2,253,015	2152
Total Department of Health and Human Services		(\$2,253,015)	\$2,253,015	\$0	\$ 2,253,015	
			Net Federal Funds		\$2,253,015	\$2,253,015
			Net Other Funds		\$0	\$0
					\$2,253,015	\$2,253,015

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U			
1	Fund	Org	Clas	Summ	Rcpt	Class Title	Increase/	Net Gen1	Net Gen1		GF		FF							TO AU	To Class			
2				Acct	Acct		Decrease	Fund by	Fund By		GF	S/T	FF	Transfer Amount	GF	FF	SOF	OF	GF	FROM AU	From Class			
3							Amount	Org. Code	Agency		Amount			OF										
4																								
5	COMPANY	ACCOUNTING	SUMMAR																					
6	AGCY	UNIT	CLASS	Y	AGCT	ACCOUNT																		
7	Field Operations																							
8	Funding in this Accounting Unit represents costs associated with the eligibility staff in the district offices providing direct services to the clients of New Hampshire. Funds are available in Class 102 (Contracts for Program Services) and are needed in AU 2152 Class 504 (Nursing Home Payments).																							
9	010	045	79930000	000	16	403959	Federal Funds	\$	-															
10	010	045	79930000				Other Funds	\$	-															
11	010	045	79930000				General Funds	\$	(2,253,015)	\$	(2,253,015)													
12	Total Revenue							\$	(2,253,015)															
13	010	045	79930000	102		500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$	(2,253,015)				\$	-	\$	-	\$	(2,253,015)	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	To 2152	To 504	
14	Total Expense							\$	(2,253,015)			\$	(2,253,015)											
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19	TOTAL DIVISION OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE							\$	(2,253,015)		\$	(2,253,015)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(2,253,015)						
20																								
21	Waiver/Nf Pmts-County Partic																							
22	Funding in this Accounting Unit represents costs associated with Nursing Facility (NF) and Choices for Independence (CFI) to provide direct services to individuals eligible for Medicaid and who meet the clinical and financial eligibility standards defined in RSA 151-E for nursing facility and home and community-based long-term care. Services are provided either through the CFI 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services waiver program or in a nursing facility. Funds are needed in Class 504 (Nursing Home Payments) based on projected claims maintaining the current rates.																							
23	010	048	21520000	000	16	404362	Federal Funds	\$	2,253,015															
24	010	048	21520000				Other Funds	\$	-															
25	010	048	21520000				General Funds	\$	2,253,015	\$	2,253,015													
26	Total Revenue							\$	4,506,030															
27	010	048	21520000	504		500893	Nursing Home Payments	\$	4,506,030			\$	2,253,015	\$	2,253,015	\$	-	\$	2,253,015	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	From 7993	From 102
28	Total Expense							\$	4,506,030			\$	2,253,015											
29																								
30																								
31																								
32	TOTAL DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES							\$	2,253,015.00		\$	2,253,015.00	\$	2,253,015.00	\$	-	\$	2,253,015.00						
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42	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES							\$	-	\$	(2,253,015.00)	\$	-	\$	2,253,015.00	\$	-	\$	-					