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Governor's Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health

February 25 2026

Her Excellency Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Governor's Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health (GO-NORTH) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the administration of the Rural Health Transformation program effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30 2031

EXPLANATION

This MOU sets forth the roles, responsibilities, and expectations regarding the operation of the Rural Health Transformation grants funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) between GO-NORTH and DHHS This MOU formalizes the relationship in accordance with the provisions set forth in Executive Order 2025-06

Respectfully submitted,

Donnalee Lozeau

Donnalee Lozeau, Director
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Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding entered into by and between the Governor's Office of New Opportunities and Rural Transformational Health (GO-NORTH) and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) sets forth the parties understanding with regard to duties and obligations.

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding hereby agree as follows:

As articulated in Executive Order 2025-06, the Governor's Office of New Opportunities and Rural Transformational Health (GO-NORTH) shall have the power and responsibilities to assist the Governor with the management and expenditure of Rural Health Transformation funds. Recognizing the relationship established by this executive action, GO-NORTH and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) collectively commit to ensure operations consistent with the Governor's direction: DHHS—the CMS-recognized cognizant agency—is directed to act consistent with New Hampshire's RHT application and grant as operated by GO-NORTH, and GO-NORTH is likewise directed to act consistent with all applicable CMS obligations for RHT funds.

In Witness whereof this Memorandum of Understanding has been executed on this 25th day of February 2026.

Signature: Donnalee Lozeau

Donnalee Lozeau
Director
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Signature: Lori Weaver

Lori A. Weaver
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