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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Long Term Supports and Services (DHHS), to amend an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) (VC# 359894), Concord, NH, for the continued administration of senior energy assistance services, by exercising a renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$82,200 from \$164,400 to \$246,600 and extending the completion date from September 30, 2026 to September 30, 2028, effective October 1, 2026, upon Governor and Council approval. 50% Federal Funds. 50% General Funds.

The original MOU was approved by Governor and Council on March 23, 2022, Item #25 and amended on September 25, 2024, item #34.

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Year 2027, and are anticipated to be available in State Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation and encumbrances between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

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State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Budget	Increased (Decreased) Amount	Revised Budget
2023	049-584952	Transfer to Other State Agency	48130306	\$30,825	\$0	\$30,825
2024	049-584952	Transfer to Other State Agency	48130306	\$41,100	\$0	\$41,100
2025	049-584952	Transfer to Other State Agency	48130306	\$41,100	\$0	\$41,100
2026	049-584952	Transfer to Other State Agency	48130306	\$41,100	\$0	\$41,100

2027	049-584952	Transfer to Other State Agency	48130306	\$10,275	\$30,825	\$41,100
2028	049-584952	Transfer to Other State Agency	48130306	\$0	\$41,100	\$41,100
2029	049-584952	Transfer to Other State Agency	48130306	\$0	\$10,275	\$10,275
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$164,400</b>	<b>\$82,200</b>	<b>\$246,600</b>

### EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to exercise a renewal option for the DOE to continue providing energy assistance funds for fuel oil, electricity, gas, or wood to New Hampshire residents ages sixty (60) years or older, who are eligible for services pursuant to the Older Americans Act.

Approximately 152 households will be served annually.

The Senior Energy Assistance Program will continue providing energy assistance funds, for up to \$270 per household/per year for individuals sixty (60) years of age or older who are not eligible under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, in which an individual's household income must be below 60% of the NH State Median Income (SMI). Senior Energy Assistance services provided by the DOE assist in the prevention of energy emergencies, defined as conditions which pose serious threat to the health and safety of individuals from the lack of adequate home energy.

DHHS will monitor services through review and assessment of the monthly invoices and reports required of the DOE that demonstrate their ability to provide energy assistance to senior households. In addition, the DOE will continue to provide a report annually on the quality of services provided as evidenced from client feedback.

As referenced in the MOU, Section 2.2., Duration, of the original agreement, the parties have the option to extend the Agreement for up to six (6) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties, and Governor and Council approval. DHHS is exercising its option to renew services for two (2) of the remaining four (4) years available.

Should the Governor and Council not authorize this request, there may be a reduction in energy assistance available to New Hampshire residents sixty (60) years of age or older, which may impact their ability to maintain maximum independence, health, and quality of life in their homes.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Federal Funds: Assistance Listing Number 93.044, FAINs 2501NHOASS and 2601NHOASS.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori A. Weaver  
Commissioner

**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Amendment #2**

This Amendment to the Senior Energy Assistance Services Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is by and between the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”) and the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“DOE”) (referred to as “Parties”).

WHEREAS, pursuant to an MOU approved by the Governor and Executive Council on March 23, 2022 (Item #25), as amended on September 25, 2024 (Item #34), the parties agreed to perform certain services based upon the terms and conditions specified in the MOU and in consideration of certain sums specified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.3. Modification, the MOU may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties at any time, subject to appropriate State approval; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and conditions contained in the MOU and set forth herein, the Parties hereto agree to amend as follows:

1. Modify Section 2.2. Duration, to read:
  - 2.2. Duration: The duration of this MOU is from the Effective Date through September 30, 2028. The parties may extend the MOU for up to two (2) years upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties, and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.
2. Modify Section 4.1.1., to read:
  - 4.1.1. Subject to the DOE’s compliance with the terms and conditions of this MOU, reimburse the DOE at the rate and for up to the units of services provided to eligible individuals as follows in Table A: Service Rates and Units.

<b>Table A: Services Rates and Units</b>			
<b>Service</b>	<b>State Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Rate Per Unit</b>	<b>Number of Units (Households)</b>
Energy Assistance	2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)	\$270.38	114
Energy Assistance	2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)	\$270.38	152
Energy Assistance	2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)	\$270.38	152
Energy Assistance	2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)	\$270.38	152
Energy Assistance	2027 (July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026)	\$270.38	38
Energy Assistance	2027 (October 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)	\$270.38	114
Energy Assistance	2028 (July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028)	\$270.38	152
Energy Assistance	2029 (July 1, 2028 to September 30, 2028)	\$270.38	38

3. Modify Section 5.1., to read:

5.1. The maximum amount of funds available for reimbursement under this MOU from DHHS to the DOE shall not exceed \$246,600, with \$30,825 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023, \$41,100 in SFY 2024, \$41,100 in SFY 2025, \$41,100 in SFY 2026, \$41,100 in SFY 2027, \$41,100 in SFY 2028, and \$10,275 in SFY 2029.

4. Modify Section 5.6., to read:

5.6. Funding for this service is provided by the Administration for Community Living, Title IIIB Supportive Services; Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 93.044; Federal Award Identification Numbers (FAINs) #2101NHOASS, #2201NHOASS, #2301NHOASS, #2401NHOASS, #2501NHOASS, and #2601NHOASS (50% Federal Funds and 50% State General Funds).

All terms and conditions of the MOU and prior amendments not modified by this Amendment remain in full force and effect. This Amendment shall be effective October 1, 2026, upon Governor and Council approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of the date written below,

State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services

3/9/2026

Date

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Title: Director, DLTSS

New Hampshire Department of Energy

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Date

Signed by:

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Name: Jared Chicoine

Title: Commissioner

The preceding Amendment, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

3/9/2026

Date

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire at the Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Date

Name:

Title: