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Lori A. Shibinette, Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Commissioner Shibinette,

On April 20, 2020, the Fiscal Committee adopted by a 7-Yes/3-No vote the following motion made by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that;

“In light of the Governor's Office statement that the \$26M in transfers from various programs in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) were for “cash flow” purposes to pay COVID-19 expenses, and the fact that the State has since received \$625M in CARES Funds on Friday, April 17, 2020, to the extent U.S. Treasury guidance permits, the Fiscal Committee moves to reverse the following transfers made by DHHS:

- \$8M from substance use disorder rate increases;
- \$4M from the state loan repayment program for health care workers;
- \$1.7M from homeless shelter and re-housing;
- \$8.75M from the new secure psychiatric unit;
- \$2M from low income senior prescription drug assistance;
- \$750K from congregate housing;
- \$750K in additional transfers for the secure psychiatric unit, and
- \$100K from the foster grandparents program.”

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael W. Kane

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Cc: Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer

**Department of Health and Human Services
Transfers to Fund COVID 19-Related Expenditures**

Program Area	Fiscal Item	Location in Budget	Amount
Substance Use Disorder Rate Increases	N/A*	HB 4, Section 354	\$ (8,000,000)
State Loan Repayment Program	20-065	HB 4, Section 373	\$ (4,000,000)
Homeless Shelter & Re-Housing	20-065	HB 3, Account 7927	\$ (1,700,000)
NH Hospital Secure Psychiatric Unit	20-065	HB 4, Section 357	\$ (8,750,000)
Prescription Drug Assistance Pilot Program	20-067	HB 4, Section 384	\$ (2,000,000)
Congregate Housing	20-067	HB 3, Account 8915	\$ (750,000)
Foster Grandparents	20-067	HB 3, Account 8918	\$ (100,000)
NH Hospital Secure Psychiatric Unit	20-067	TBD**	\$ (750,000)
TOTAL:			\$ (26,050,000)

*This specific transfer was identified in neither of the DHHS informational items presented to the Fiscal Committee, although the amount was accounted for in the Department's \$26.05 million total.

**While labeled "NHH Secure Psychiatric Unit" in item 20-067, this amount is in addition to the \$8.75 million reduction for the Secure Psychiatric Unit contained in item 20-065. \$8.75 million constitutes the entire appropriation for the SPU, so the LBA is seeking further clarification from DHHS on this \$750,000 reduction.