



# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Executive Council

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TO: All District Three Constituents  
FROM: Executive Councilor Janet Stevens

DATE: December 21, 2022  
Executive Council Meeting

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

#### *Division of Medicaid Services*

**#13A** Authorized to enter into **retroactive** amendments to existing contracts with AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire Inc., Philadelphia, PA; Boston Medical Center Health Plan Inc., Charlestown, MA; and Granite State Health Plan Inc., Bedford NH, to provide health care services to eligible and enrolled Medicaid participants through New Hampshire's Medicaid managed care program known as New Hampshire Medicaid Care Management, by increasing the total price limitation by \$245,113,188 from \$4,473,715,686 to \$4,718,828,874 (for the period since contract inception September 2019), with no change to the completion date of August 31, 2024. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2022, upon G&C approval. All terms and conditions of the contract and prior amendment not inconsistent with this Amendment remain in full force and effect. **The Federal Fund share comprises 81% of the price limitation increase, the other non-federal fund share is 12%, and the general fund is 7% from the previous Amendment.**

The total price limitation increase of \$245,113,188 in the 9<sup>th</sup> amendment to the New Hampshire Medicaid Care Management program is attributed to increasing enrollment since the start of the Federal Public Health Emergency on March 13, 2020. New Hampshire residents enrolled as of March 13, 2020, were ensured continuous enrollment throughout the duration of the PHE by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services makes the determination on the status of the PHE which is extended every ninety days and must provide 60 days notification to states before terminating. A Federal Medical Assistance Program (FMAP) provided states with a 6.2% budget increase to offset the increased costs associated with continuous enrollment.

Enrollment in New Hampshire's Medicaid program stands at **246,616 residents which is an increase of 39% since the beginning of the PHE**. While enrollment in the state's Standard Medicaid and Granite Advantage has significantly increased since the start of the PHE, the level of acuity has decreased. However, enrollment numbers have a larger multiplier on total costs compared to savings per member (cost per Granite Advantage member decreased from Amendment 8 to Amendment 9 by \$31.00).

**Enrollment growth in New Hampshire's Medicaid Care Management program and the 27% average increase nationally was "initially tied to the widespread job and income losses that affected millions of Americans early in the COVID pandemic". Rockingham County has had the highest increase in Medicaid enrollment throughout the pandemic – Granite Advantage (87%), Standard (28.8%) and Standard Disabled/Elderly (18.6%)**

The need to increase the total price limitation was also due to recently enacted Federal and State legislation. Additional and much needed funding was required for: 1. Adjustment to State owned hospital expenses; 2. Reimbursement increase for freestanding and hospital birthing centers; 3. non-emergency transportation; 4. Increased investments in remote patient monitoring; and 5. Advanced screening/testing for ovarian and breast cancer.

**Eight days following the Executive Council's approval of the 9<sup>th</sup> amendment to the New Hampshire Medicaid Care Management program, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the unwind or redetermination requirement would resume on April 1, 2023, as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (Omnibus Bill). The PHE will remain in effect. Again, this is counter to what has been specified since the beginning of the PHE in the FFCRA (Specific information follows). The New Hampshire Medicaid Director anticipates "some level of savings to New Hampshire's Medicaid Care Management Program (as a result of the Omnibus Bill) and will not exceed the recent increased price limitation".**

## **MEDICAID REDETERMINATIONS**

At the start of the PHE (March 13, 2020) eligibility redeterminations were not required for residents covered by the New Hampshire Medicaid Care Management program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act delinks continuous enrollment conditions from the PHE and requires states to resume normal eligibility and enrollment operations. *As described in prior Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, states will have up to 12 months to initiate, and 14 months to complete, a renewal for all individuals enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP, and the Basic Health Program (BHP).* **This process will be incremental, and enrollees will be contacted by the Department of Health & Human Services.**

For residents who will not be using the online platform a series of mailings are scheduled. Mailings have gone out and will continue to be sent to enrolled residents who were in protective status due to continuous enrollment and must now complete redetermination.

1. A mailing (pink letter) requesting residents **who have yet to complete redeterminations (overdue eligibility) is in progress.**
2. An additional letter – **“Continuous Medicaid Coverage is Ending”** – will be mailed (rolling basis) to residents in protective status explaining necessary steps for redetermination due to recent changes in Consolidated Appropriations Act. Letters will be mailed starting on March 31, 2023 (sample letter attached at end of report)
3. A follow-up warning letter will eventually be sent to those who have not completed redetermination – 45 days prior to disenrollment. A letter will also be sent to those who have not responded ten days prior to disenrollment.

Again – this process is incremental and for residents with a March redetermination and have yet to respond, letters will go out mid-February (mid-March for April, mid-April for May).

Enrollees in the State Medicaid program, **who have not been in protected status**, will receive redetermination notices and or can utilize their NH EASY account to do so.

**IF ANY CONSTITUENTS HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR NH MEDICAID CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – PLEASE CALL 1-844-ASK-DHHS OR CONTACT THE DHHS DISTRICT THREE OFFICE AT 603 433-8300 OR 1 -800-821-0326. CONSTITUENTS CAN CONTACT ME AT [Janet.L.Stevens@NH.Gov](mailto:Janet.L.Stevens@NH.Gov).**

## **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY**

**#64F** Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$20,000,000, to facilitate the Community Center Investment Program, which would support community centers around the State by enabling investments in the construction, expansion, equipment, capital infrastructure, and other costs as they adapt to the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis and continued provision of essential services in communities. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Launch of this program is scheduled for early February 2023.**

## **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY**

**N.** Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment with **Lamprey Health Care, Newmarket, NH** (originally approved by G&C on 1/26/22, Item #71), in order to extend the completion date from December 31, 2022 to August 31, 2023, with no change to the price limitation, to continue the New Hampshire Needs Caregivers Licensed Nursing Assistants Extending Learning Opportunities Program. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

## **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY**

**Q.** Authorized to amend the grant agreements and signed terms and conditions as detailed in the letter dated December 8, 2022, as necessary, to extend the date that towns and municipalities are allowed to make obligations of previously awarded funding as part of the Locality Equipment Matching Program from December 31, 2022 to May 1, 2023, with no change to the price limitation and no change to the completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

G. Authorize to amend a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education relative to the *Grants to New Hampshire Private and Public K-12 Schools to Reduce and Remove Lead in their Drinking Water* project (originally approved by G&C on 1/23/19, Item #76), by extending the agreement end date from December 31, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. Time extension only, no additional funding. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.**

Only \$74,000K of \$1.6 million has been used to date. Legislation passed by the state legislature and signed into law by Governor Sununu on July 8, 2022 (HB 1421) made significant changes to the requirements for schools and childcare programs related to lead in drinking water testing. Most significantly, the action level for lead in drinking water at schools and child care facilities was lowered from 15 parts per billion (ppb) to 5 ppb. The new action level applies any new testing (a total of three rounds must be completed by June 30, 2024), as well as any previous testing completed since 2016. It is anticipated that the lower action level and its application to previous test results will increase the need for funding to help facilities come into compliance.

### **Division of Public Health Services**

#24 Authorized to amend existing contracts with the two vendors as detailed in the letter dated October 21, 2022, for reimbursement payments of educational loans through the State Loan Repayment Program by increasing the price limitation by \$30,000 from \$937,300 to \$967,300, and extending the completion date from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

**Lamprey Health Care (Newmarket)** received an additional \$20,000 for a physician providing services at the federally qualified healthcare facility.

### **Division of Behavioral Health**

#26 Authorized to amend an existing contract with Harbor Homes, Inc., Nashua, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/23/22, Item #33), to continue providing Facilitating Organization services and program support for Recovery Community Organizations and Recovery Centers, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$4,200,000 from \$4,200,000 to \$8,400,000 and extending the completion date from December 31, 2022 to September 30, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **71% Federal Funds, 19% General Funds, 10% Other Funds (Governor Commission). Safe Harbor (Portsmouth), SOS RCO (Hampton ) and Revive Recovery Resource Center(Derry)**

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#33 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Brox Industries, Inc., Dracut, MA, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,944,860.92, for pavement resurfacing of the Exit 5 ramps on I-95, Exits 14-18 ramps on the Spaulding Turnpike, Hampton Br. No. 118/129 over I-95 and crack sealing the Spaulding Turnpike from MM24.6 to 33.2. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$147,243.05 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 22, 2023. **100% Turnpike Funds. Improvements to Portsmouth Exit 5 on I-95 and Hampton Bridge/Towle Farm Road.**

#35 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries, Inc., Belmont, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,592,734.90, for pavement resurfacing and striping of **NH Rt. 33 in Stratham and Greenland.** (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$79,636.75 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Funded Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan – Highway Safety Improvement Program**

#39 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with K5 Corporation, Rockland, MA, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,241,110, for installation of polyuria pavement markings along Tier 1 roadways in Epping, Exeter, Hampton and Manchester in Districts 5 and 6. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$62,055.50 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 13, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

**These pavement markings will improve visibility along Route 101 from Hampton to Epping.**

#43 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into an agreement with **Jalbert Leasing, Inc., d/b/a C&J Bus Lines, Portsmouth, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$115,000** to procure and install five replacement radiator electric cooling fan conversion kits in five state-owned 2017 Prevost X3-45 over-the-road coaches operated in commuter bus

service by C&J Bus Lines, between the NH Seacoast area and Boston. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#45](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Northeast Traffic Control Services, Plymouth, MA, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,743,476.75, for removal and replacement of Enhanced Reference Location Signs on I-93, I-293, I-393, I-89 and NH Rt. 101. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$174,347.68 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 25, 2024. **91.1% Federal Funds, 8.9% Turnpike Funds. Enhanced Reference Sign Locations will be updated (doubled sided) along Route 101**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[#54](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with **Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., Manchester, NH, in the amount of \$5,895,823, to supplement the Department's Weatherization Assistance Program with Bipartisan Infrastructure Law fund.** (2) Further authorize to advance Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc. \$215,225 from the above-reference contract amount. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

[#74](#) Authorized the Division of Historical Resources to award a Conservation Number Plate (Moose Plate) grant to the **Town of Kingston, in the amount of \$20,000, for the rehabilitation of the Grace Daley Barn.** (2) Further authorize an advance payment in the amount of \$10,000 to the Town of Kingston in accordance with the terms of the contract. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income).**

[#75](#) Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain Ski Area to enter into a contract with **Durham School Services, L.P., Brentwood, NH,** in the amount of \$52,072, for the transport of international groups to and from Cannon Mountain Ski Area for daily skiing during the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 ski seasons. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income).**

[#77](#) Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into an amendment to an existing lease with **WBIN Media Company, Inc., Portsmouth, NH** (originally approved by G&C on 3/20/13, Item #33), for equipment and antenna space in designated areas at Belknap Mountain in Belknap Mountain State Forest, Gilford, NH by: (1) extending the lease end date from February 28, 2023 to February 29, 2028; (2) increasing the total lease payments received by \$85,620.24 from \$141,694.08 to \$227,314.32 for the cumulative fifteen-year period; (3) updating lease language to reflect current standards. Effective upon G&C approval.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

[#80](#) Authorized to award a grant to the **Town of Exeter, in the amount not to exceed \$180,000,** to make improvements to the sewer siphons at the Squamscott River. Effective upon G&C approval through November 1, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#81](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with the **Town of Hampton, for a total of \$158,341,** to pilot a Coastal Resilience Coordinator position as part of *Project RECAP*. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#87](#) Authorized to award a grant to the **Town of Newmarket,** in the amount not to exceed \$40,000, for the implementation of energy efficiency measures at the Sewall Well, Folsom Booster Pump Station, Macintosh Well and Bennet Pumping Station. Effective upon G&C approval through August 1, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#88](#) Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the **City of Portsmouth, for a total of \$275,000,** to elevate the access road into the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility, Portsmouth, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#90](#) Authorized to **retroactive** amendment to a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant to **Rock Rimmon Cooperative, Inc., Danville, NH** (originally approved by G&C on 4/21/21, Item #67), by extending the completion date from December 1, 2022 to December 1, 2025, for water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 485:F. This is a no-cost time extension. **100% Drinking Water & Groundwater Trust Funds.**

[#91](#) Authorized to award a grant to the **Town of Stratham, in the amount not to exceed \$350,000** to finance treatment installations to remediate per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2023. **100% General Funds.**

[#95](#) Authorized to execute a **sole source** amendment to a contract with GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Bedford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/5/19, Item #101), for additional cleanup activities at three Superfund sites, by increasing the contract by \$545,335 to \$4,655,335 from \$4,110,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[#106](#) Authorized the Bureau of Educational Opportunities to enter into a contract with **Blundell Accounting Solutions, P.L.L.C., Windham, NH**, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, to provide education training services for Charter Schools. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#107](#) Authorized the Bureau of Educational Opportunities to enter into a contract with **Demonstrated Success, LLC, Portsmouth, NH**, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, to provide education training services as requested by the Office of Charter Schools. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY**

[#123](#) Authorized to enter into grant agreements in substantially similar form and format with the municipalities, counties and organizations as detailed in the letter dated November 29, 2022, for a total amount of \$2,948,000 from the Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval, full contract execution, and grantee funding acceptance through August 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.**

**Portsmouth received \$172,000 and Rockingham County Sheriff's Office received \$9,000**

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#### **CONFIRMATIONS**

Assistant Commissioner, Department of Transportation	David M. Rodrigue, Sanbornton
Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals (Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor)	Joni O'Brien, East Wakefield
Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing (Recommended by N.H. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf)	Nicole Sargent, Hillsborough
Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing (Recommended by N.H. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf)	Grace Warwick, Manchester
Board of Natural Scientists	Gregory W. Howard, West Ossipee
Deputy Commissioner, Banking Department	Michael Moranti, Bedford
Division of Ports and Harbors Advisory Council	<b>Christopher D. Snow, Rye</b>
Family Mediator Certification Board (Nom. by the NH Conflict Resolution Assoc.)	<b>Briana M. Coakley, Portsmouth</b>
Fire Standards and Training Commission (Full-time Career Fire Chief)	<b>Donald DeAngelis, Epping</b>
Public Water Access Advisory Board (Power Boating)	Robin B. Saunders, Sunapee
Right to Know Ombudsman (Chapter 250, 2022)	Thomas F. Kehr, Concord
Site Evaluation Committee (Public Member)	James Jalbert, Rollinsford

Bureau of Family Assistance  
Claremont District Office  
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Claremont, NH 03743-2280



NH DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

January 17, 2023

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Aviso importante acerca de sus beneficios. Por favor llame a la Oficina del Distrito si tiene alguna duda o pregunta. También puede solicitar servicios gratuitos de un intérprete.  
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If you have questions or need help with reading or understanding this letter, please contact the Customer Service Center toll-free at **1-844-ASK-DHHS (1-844-275-3447)** and **select option #3** or (603) 271-9700, (TDD: 1-800-735-2964), Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

## **Continuous Medicaid Coverage is Ending**

You or a member of your household have been receiving continuous Medicaid coverage due to the COVID-19 federal public health emergency, even if you did not complete a redetermination when it was due or provide us with the required documents. **This continuous coverage is ending on March 31, 2023. You must complete a redetermination or respond to Department requests for information to keep your Medicaid coverage.**

### **What do I need to do?**

DHHS will be sending requests for redeterminations to people who are currently covered by Medicaid. To keep your coverage, you must either complete a redetermination or provide information requested by DHHS. These requests will be on yellow paper or posted to your NH EASY account, highlighted in yellow.

**When you get a yellow notice, please follow the instructions included to complete a redetermination and/or provide the requested verification you to do this so we can determine if you are still eligible for, and will be able to keep your Medicaid coverage.**

If you receive "Spendedown" Medical Coverage, you will get a letter explaining what you need to start sending us unpaid medical bills that you still owe to meet your Medicaid.

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### **Ways to complete your redetermination or provide requested information:**

1. **Online:** Through your NH EASY account <https://nheasy.nh.gov> if you do not have an NH EASY account, you can create one today using this same link.
2. **By mail:** Centralized Scanning Unit, PO Box 181, Concord, NH 03302.
3. **In person:** Visit one of our District Offices, locations can be found at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/about-dhhs/locations-facilities#locations>

Once you complete your redetermination and/or all requested information is provided, you will receive a notice of decision informing you of the status of your Medicaid eligibility.

### **What should I do if I no longer need Medicaid coverage?**

If you no longer need Medicaid coverage, you can voluntarily request to end your coverage by using one of the three options above or by calling the Customer Service Center at one of the numbers listed at the top and bottom of this letter.

### **Options for those who are no longer eligible for Medicaid:**

If you are no longer eligible for Medicaid and still need insurance, you can contact the New Hampshire Navigators to explore other health insurance options. New Hampshire has two Health Insurance Navigators that provide health insurance enrollment assistance in person, virtually, and by phone, at no cost to you.

New Hampshire's Navigators are:

- First Choices Services; 1-877-211-NAVI or (603) 931 3858; <https://acanavigator.com/nh/home>
- Health Market Connect; 1-800-208-5164; <https://hmcnh.com>

You can also visit the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace at <https://www.healthcare.gov/>, or call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325).

### **Need Help?**

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