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Cheryl Strange, Secretary
Department of Social and Health Services
P.O. Box 45010
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

Dear Secretary Strange:

Governor Inslee signed Engrossed House Bill 2965, related to the state's response to the novel coronavirus, into law yesterday.

Pursuant to the enactment of this legislation, I hereby allocate \$19.5 million to the Department of Social & Health Services from the Disaster Response Account. The purpose of this allocation is to pay for costs associated with moving patients from hospitals to long-term care settings (\$6.0 million) and purchasing a long-term care facility (\$13.5 million).

Using expenditure authority code 6C0, please submit the required allotment amendment packet to the Office of Financial Management using the "Operating Allocation" packet type.

We appreciate your vital efforts in responding to this health crisis. If you have questions about this allocation, please contact Nona Snell, Assistant Director for Budget, at (360) 902-0542 or nona.snell@ofm.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Schumacher
Director

cc: Charlie Gavigan, Staff Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee
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