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Sue Birch, Director  
Health Care Authority  
PO Box 45502  
Olympia, WA 98504-5502

Dear Director Birch:

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 \$2.0 million to the Health Care Authority from the Disaster Response Account. The purpose of this allocation is to establish a rural hospital emergency fund.

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](mailto:nona.snell@ofm.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

David Schumacher  
Director

cc: Charlie Gavigan, Staff Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee  
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