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

Dear Secretary Strange:

Pursuant to enactment of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136), I hereby allocate \$3,480,000 to the Department of Social and Health Services from General Fund-Federal (Coronavirus Relief Funds) for nursing home transition, long-term care staffing, and personal protective equipment (PPE) fit testing for individual providers. These funds may be used for the following purposes:

- \$980,000 is provided to transition 150 dual eligible Medicare and Medicaid clients, primarily over the age of 65, from acute care hospitals into appropriate nursing home settings. As an incentive to providers, the department will provide \$6,000 for individuals served between now and December 30, 2020 based on an average 60-day length of stay. Of this amount, \$80,000 in overtime pay is provided for a social services specialist transition team to identify and move individuals from acute care hospitals.
- \$1,300,000 is provided to purchase six teams of eight staff (RNs and CNAs) to provide emergency staffing to ensure care in long-term care facilities that have staff and caregiver COVID-19 outbreaks.
- \$1,200,000 is provided to purchase PPE fit testing for an additional 12,000 individual providers.

According to guidance issued by the federal government on the Coronavirus Relief Funds, for a cost to be considered to have been incurred, the performance or delivery must take place by December 30, 2020, but payment can occur up to 90 days afterwards.

The Office of Financial Management approved this allocation in Unanticipated Receipt # 0189. Using EA code 7Z0, please submit the required allotment amendment packet using the "Operating Allocation" packet type.

We appreciate your continued efforts in responding to this health crisis. If you have any questions, please contact OFM Budget Operations at (360) 902-0555 or budget.operations@ofm.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Schumacher".

David Schumacher
Director

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