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October 30, 2020

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 \$13,200,000 to the Department of Social and Health Services from General Fund-Federal (Coronavirus Relief Funds) for COVID-related testing requirements in nursing homes.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provided interim guidance (CMS-3401-IFC) for COVID-19 testing requirements in nursing homes. This guidance requires nursing homes to test all staff and residents every 3-7 days until no new cases are found for 14 days. This one-time allocation will pay for increased testing in nursing homes, as required by CMS.

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 has approved this allocation in Unanticipated Receipt #0148. Using expenditure authority code 7Z0, please submit the required allotment amendment packet to the Office of Financial Management 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

cc: Charlie Gavigan, Staff Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee
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Nona Snell, Assistant Director for Budget, Office of Financial Management
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