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

Dear Secretary Strange:

On March 18, 2020, I allocated \$19.5 million from the Disaster Response Account to the Department of Social and Health Services pursuant to the enactment of Engrossed House Bill 2965, related to the state's response to COVID-19. The purpose of the allocation was to pay for costs associated with moving patients from hospitals to long-term care settings and purchasing a long-term care facility.

I hereby reduce this allocation to \$0, and pursuant to enactment of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136), allocate \$19.5 million to the Department of Social and Health Services from General Fund-Federal (Coronavirus Relief Funds) for the same purpose.

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 #0166. Using expenditure authority code 7Z0 for General Fund-Federal (Coronavirus Relief Funds) and expenditure authority code 6CO for the Disaster Response Account reduction, please submit the required allotment amendment packet to OFM using the "Operating Allocation" packet type.

If you have any questions, please contact OFM Budget Operations at (360) 902-0555 or <u>budget.operations@ofm.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

David Schumacher

Director

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