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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 an additional \$600,000 to the Department of Social and Health Services to transition 150 Medicaid clients out of acute care hospitals into appropriate nursing home settings.

As of this time, guidance issued by the federal government on the use of Coronavirus Relief Funds specifies that 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. If federal legislation extending the Coronavirus Relief Funds is enacted, the time limit will be extended to December 31, 2021.

The Office of Financial Management approved this allocation in Unanticipated Receipt # 0190. It is a continuation of funding approved in UAR #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 <u>budget.operations@ofm.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

David Schumacher

Director

cc: Charlie Gavigan, Staff Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee Michael Bezanson, Staff Coordinator, Senate Ways and Means Committee Nona Snell, Assistant Director for Budget, Office of Financial Management Robyn Williams, Senior Budget Assistant, Office of Financial Management Judy Fitzgerald, CFO, Department of Social and Health Services