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December 12, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Health & Human Services, N.H. Hospital to continue one full-time temporary 29-2050 HLTH PRACT TECHS-1, formerly known as Pharmacy Technician II, Position #8T3171, salary grade 13, wage schedule A000, effective February 17, 2024, upon Governor and Council approval, through February 16, 2025. 68% General Funds, 32% Other Funds (provider fees).

Funding is available in the following account:

	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
NHH – Acute Psychiatric Services		
05-95-094-940010-87500000-050-500109 Personal Svcs Temp	\$13,176	\$29,646
05-95-094-940010-87500000-060-500602 Benefits	\$ 9,233	\$20,777
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$22,409	\$50,423

EXPLANATION

Position #8T3171 currently ends on February 16, 2024. This position is assigned to DHHS-NHH, Pharmacy Operations. The position is currently filled and needed to support hospital medication services for patients. This position was not converted during the FY24/25 biennial budget request due to an oversight and will be included in the FY26/27 position conversion requests.

This position is critical to the operations at the Hospital. The position's hours were expanded when the hospital initiated the use of automated dispensing machines several years ago. The need for four full time Pharmacy Technicians first became apparent around that time. This realization, combined with Pharmacists taking on an increasingly clinical role at New Hampshire Hospital has required that there be four full time Pharmacy Technicians employed at the hospital to accurately manage medication dispensing and inventory.

Under the new SOC classification system, this position is changing to 29-2050 HLTH PRACT TECHS-1. The rate of pay is not anticipated to change significantly once the State Employees' Association of NH, SEIU Local 1984 ratifies the new system. However, if the rate of pay changes, further Governor and

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Council approval is not required, as the Department of Administrative Services is authorized to adjust pay in accordance with the approved classification system rates.

Your favorable consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

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