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BY HIS EXCELLENCY
CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR

Emergency Order #9 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04

Establishment of COVID-19 Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund

Pursuant to Section 18 of Executive order 2020-04, it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. In order to ensure that the State of New Hampshire has the ability, as needed, to provide emergency relief to all aspects of the New Hampshire healthcare system, and to promote and secure the safety and protection of the people of New Hampshire, there is hereby established the COVID-19 Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund (the "Fund"). The Department of Administrative Services shall create an accounting unit for the Fund within the Department of Safety.

2. The Fund shall be authorized to disburse up to $50,000,000.

3. Relief from the Fund may be provided in the form of grants or loans on such terms as approved by the Governor and the Attorney General.

4. Applications for relief for organizations that are a part of the State's healthcare system, including hospitals and other healthcare providers, shall be made to the Department of Health and Human Services at a contact point to be specified by the Department. The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a standard application and written criteria according to which applications from healthcare providers shall be evaluated and relief disbursed, provided that the Governor may waive such criteria and approve immediate disbursement of relief if it is determined to be immediately necessary for the maintenance of an essential component of the State's healthcare system.

5. All decisions regarding applications for relief shall be approved by the Governor and no disbursements from the Fund shall be made without prior written approval of the Governor.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.

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