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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ORDER
TO RESPOND TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of United States declared a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu, issued Executive Order 2020-04 declaring a state of emergency due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Governor issues Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, extending the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04;

WHEREAS, there are now more than 7,200 people who have tested positive in New Hampshire for COVID-19 and numerous other suspected cases are under investigation;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services, in monitoring reported drug shortages, found that there was a statewide shortage and/or threatened shortage of chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and albuterol inhalers that may be used to treat COVID-19, as well as other diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus;


WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Commissioner ordered certain restrictions around the prescription of chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and albuterol inhalers;

WHEREAS, the Department has been monitoring reported drug shortages and finds that there is no longer a statewide shortage and/or threatened shortage of chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and albuterol inhalers; and

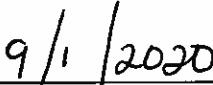
WHEREAS, to ensure individuals in the high risk or critical needs group have access to necessary medications, and to avoid any disruptions to current treatments, the Commissioner no longer finds it is necessary to control, restrict, or ration chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and albuterol inhalers.

NOW THEREFORE, in consultation and with concurrence of His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu, and pursuant to RSA 21-P:53, III, it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

The commissioner hereby rescinds the April 3, 2020 order which controlled, restricted, and/or rationed the use of chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and albuterol inhalers.


Lori A. Shabinette, Commissioner

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services


Date