

NH Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
 Division of Long Term Supports and Services
 Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS)

105 Pleasant St.
 Concord, NH 03301

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEAS GENERAL MEMORANDUM (GM)	
DATE:	February XX, 2024
TO:	New Hampshire Nursing Facility Providers, BEAS staff, DLTSS Division Director, Bureau of Family Assistance Operations Bureau Chief and Administrative Supervisors, Associate Commissioner Christine Santaniello, participating Hospital Provider Relief Initiative providers, New Hampshire Hospital Association, Dr. Johnathan Ballard, DHHS Medical Director, Karen Hebert, DEHS Division Director
FROM:	Wendi Aultman, Bureau Chief, Elderly and Adults Services
SIGNATURE:	<i>Wendi Aultman</i>
SUBJECT:	Hospital Provider Relief Initiative
GM NUMBER:	24-05
EFFECTIVE DATE:	02/xx/2024
REGULATORY GUIDANCE:	This memo is a communication tool circulated for informational purposes only. The goal is to provide information and guidance to the individuals to whom it is addressed. The contents of this memo and the information conveyed are subject to change. This communication is not intended to take the place of or alter written law, regulations or rule.

MEMORANDUM SUMMARY	
<p>The purpose of this memorandum is:</p> <p>To provide nursing facilities with information about the Hospital Provider Relief Initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide information about the provider aid agreements DHHS will initiate with nursing facilities who agree to participate. • To provide information regarding the Provider Aid Prior Authorization Request form 	

On Wednesday, February xx, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has an item on the Governor & Council meeting agenda that we want nursing facilities to be aware of.

Item number seven (#7) on the agenda requests Governor & Council to authorize to enter into sole source retroactive provider aid agreements with an unspecified number of Nursing Facilities (Providers), for the purpose of paying uncompensated costs associated with accepting individuals discharged from hospitals to increase hospital bed capacity. This authorization is effective upon G&C approval for the period of February XX,

2024 through February xx, 2024. Additional details including terms of the Provider Aid Agreement can be found at the following link:
xxxxxx.com

DHHS has created a team to work with the 6 hospitals (Catholic Medical Center, Eliot Hospital, Concord Hospital (2), Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Portsmouth Hospital) to expedite Medicaid approvals allowing Long Term Care patients needing nursing home care to transfer to a nursing facility to increase hospital capacity.

Eligibility for this initiative can be found on the eligibility section of the attached Provider Aid Prior Authorization Request form. The department staff is working with staff at each of the 6 hospitals to ensure requirements are met.

Please contact Wendi Aultman, BEAS Bureau Chief with any questions or concerns.
Wendi.J.Aultman@dhhs.nh.gov