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Title of Request: COVID-19 Test-to-Treat

Date: 6/2/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 2,500,000

Expenditure Time Period: 6/1/2022 to 2/15/2023 (no later than 2/15/2023)

Brief Summary of Request: (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is requesting \$2.5 million to initiate strategic Test-to-Treat services for the State of Minnesota. To provide a broad range of Test-to-Treat options that will meet the needs of all Minnesotans, the MDH Test-to-Treat Plan includes both telehealth services and on-site services, including clinicians, at state-managed community testing sites in order to provide access to and match eligible individuals with the most appropriate COVID-19 therapeutics per state and Federal COVID-19 treatment protocols.

State Test-to-Treat sites will be open to all Minnesotans but are focused on providing services to medically underserved and uninsured Minnesotans who have barriers to accessing testing and/or treatment from health systems and existing Test-to-Treat locations. Five strategic locations are planned for these state sites and will provide same-day, free-of-charge Test-to-Treat services with on-site dispensing of oral antiviral medications and/or referral for monoclonal antibody infusion therapies. The locations will leverage existing state testing infrastructure and are in areas with high SVI, high COVID-19 infection rates, little/no accessibility to other no-cost Test-to-Treat options, and with medically underserved populations.

Minnesota will initially partner with FEMA to provide infrastructure, clinical supervision, and orientation to licensed clinicians deployed to community testing sites for purposes of piloting a “test to treat” program to evaluate patients testing positive for SARS-CoV2 and, if eligible for treatment, creating a personalized treatment plan including prescription of oral antivirals, dispensation of oral antivirals, or referral to a health system for intravenous therapy, including monoclonal antibody treatment, if necessary. Minnesota will initially conduct this at 4 sites. FEMA will provide staffing supports and the state will be responsible for the clinical supervision for the on-site clinician teams (physicians or nurse-practitioners) who have ability to dispense the oral antivirals. Minnesota is also working with another vendor to staff a 5th location with contract staff.

MDH is requesting funding to initiate this work including the costs to cover supplemental medical providers at state-managed testing sites and the costs required to provide clinical supervision, personalized treatment plans for prescription of oral antivirals; a contract for telehealth vendor services to expand Test-to-Treat through a mobile phone/online platform, with testing, evaluation from a licensed clinician, treatment plan, and home delivery of pharmaceuticals; and other logistical and staffing supports.

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