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Agency/Point of Contact: Minnesota Department of Health/Margaret Kelly, Deputy Commissioner

Title of Request: Long-Term Care System Supports

Date: 6/6/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 600,000

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 \$600,000 to allow the long-term care (LTC) battle plan team to provide continued support to LTC and congregate care settings experiencing staffing challenges associated with outbreaks of COVID-19 or needing assistance with implementing vaccination or boosters of residents or staff or obtaining testing services.

Residents who live in congregate settings are among the most vulnerable to serious consequences from COVID-19, due to both having a higher number of significant health issues than the general population, and the higher risks associated with living and socializing together with others in a group setting. Recognizing the higher risks for this population, the LTC battle plan team has provided crisis staffing, vaccination, testing and other supports to LTC facilities and other congregate care providers since the summer of 2020, and continues to fulfill an important role in assisting these settings in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 outbreaks on residents, and in ensuring that vaccination efforts are as successful as possible. Since the establishment of the LTC battle plan, the team has supported nearly 1,400 unique facilities across all regions of Minnesota.

Funds will be used to cover the cost of crisis staffing managers to support facilities experiencing staffing shortages related to COVID-19 outbreaks, for contracts with vaccination, specimen collection or testing vendors to support LTC and congregate setting needs, for supplies needed to support crisis staffing, vaccination or testing, and for development and dissemination of guidance related to LTC battle plan activities.

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