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Agency/Point of Contact: Assistant Commissioner Natasha Merz, DHS

Title of Request: Funds to Counties and Clinical Consultation Team Request

Date: 1/5/2023 **Request Amount:** \$ 2,343,000

Expenditure Time Period: 5/23/2022 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)

This is an amendment to a request approved Oct. 31, 2022. This form is not requesting any additional funds. This amendment deletes the words "up to \$300,000 per county" from the first sentence of the second paragraph. Removing the limit on the amount each county may receive will give DHS more flexibility to use the funds.

DHS requests authorization of \$2,343,000 to provide funding for certain counties for efforts to support hospital decompression, and to cover administrative costs for program oversight and support. MDH data show that level 1 and level 2 trauma hospitals are reporting that they are at the tightest capacity in the past year (averaging fewer than 2% of staffed beds available), so they will have extremely limited ability to accept additional patients if there is a COVID surge. Many hospitals also report inability to discharge patients who no longer need hospital-level care to other settings, due to staffing shortages in those settings. This data along with level 1 trauma hospitals reaching out to both DHS and MDH has led to an urgent need to discharge patients that no longer meet hospital level of care.

This proposal requests funds that will be allocated to counties in which level 1 and 2 trauma centers are located. These funds can be used to expedite discharge planning, including but not limited to renting/purchasing durable medical equipment, purchasing technology, home modifications, and staffing positions to coordinate between county social services, DHS, and home care/home health providers. Funds will also be used to create a clinical consultation team to provide care and support planning, including positive support strategies to reduce the prevalence of aggressive or unwanted behavior and ensure the person has access to whatever mental and behavioral health supports that are needed. This request also includes funding for DHS for temporary positions for project management and evaluation.

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