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The Honorable Mark Pearson, Chairman
Health and Human Services Oversight Committee
Legislative Office Building
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chairman Pearson,

In accordance with SB 149 (2021), the Department is pleased to submit this final report relative to the uniform application of Medicaid spenddown requirements. In order to ensure uniform application of Medicaid spenddown requirements and continued compliance with 42 CFR 435.831, the Department:

- Refresher training on spenddown began January 2022 and was completed in October of 2022.
- The majority of the Department's spenddown clients have not been required to submit incurred medical expenses since March 18, 2020 due to the continuous eligibility requirement under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The FFCRA authorizes a temporary 6.2% increase in FMAP and as a condition of accepting the enhanced FMAP, the Department must provide continuous eligibility to Medicaid beneficiaries. The recently enacted Consolidations Appropriations Act of 2023, delinked the continuous eligibility requirements from the end of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency. The continuous eligibility requirement now ends on March 31, 2023.
- All staff will be participating in a further refresher training on this topic beginning this month.
- The previous plan to conduct case reviews in January 2022 was suspended due to the continuous eligibility requirement.

Should you have any question please contact Karen Hebert, Director of the Division of Economic Stability at 603-223-4812, Karen.e.hebert@dhhs.nh.gov, or Dawn I. Tierney, Medicaid Policy Administrator 603-271-9315 or dawn.i.tierney@dhhs.nh.gov.

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