



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

September 28, 2022
The Senate of the State of New Hampshire
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301-4951

Dear Senators,

Thank you for your letter regarding Medicaid Direct Certification dated September 26, 2022.

We understand your request that New Hampshire apply for the Medicaid Direct Certification Demonstration Project. We appreciate both the advantages and the concerns relative to this pilot project by the United States Department of Agriculture.

During the 2022 legislative session, an amendment was introduced to a bill as follows:

The department of education shall seek participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department of health and human services shall assist the department of education as needed in pursuing and implementing this new direct certification methodology.

The legislature, through its normal process, rejected this language. As such, an approach by the department of education to move forward with the Demonstration Project would contradict the direct actions of the legislature and quite frankly, would be inappropriate at this time.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor