

MEDICATION BRIDGE COORDINATOR  
Huggins Hospital      Mail Drop 28B  
240 South Main Street  
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

September 30, 2016

To: Heather Cubeddu, Town Administrator  
From: Jack Drinkwater, Coordinator  
Re: Funding Request for FY2018

Dear Heather:

Since we serve a number of residents from your community, we are requesting a modest level of support so that we can continue to provide service to these needy people.

Attachment #1 is a brief explanation of the program results and the specific funding request for your next budget cycle.

Attachment #2 is a chart that illustrates the expenditures for FY16 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016), FY17 Budget (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) and the funding request for FY18 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018).

Attachment #3 provides a detailed synopsis of the results of our efforts for the seven communities whose residents received in excess of 5% of the value of medications we obtained for them in from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Attachment #4 provides the community with a chart that illustrates the amount of financial support requested from those communities that received the most benefit from the program during the 2016 fiscal year.

With respect to an internal control policy, all receipts from the seven communities which contribute to Medication Bridge are submitted to the Business Office of Huggins Hospital and all bills for supplies and license fees are paid through the Business Office of Huggins Hospital. We have also included a copy of Huggins Hospital tax exempt status.

If additional information is required please contact me at the address above.

Jack Drinkwater, Coordinator

## ATTACHMENT #1

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September 8, 2016

The Medication Bridge Program was initiated in Wolfeboro, NH in January of 2001. Over the course of the past fifteen and one half years, the program has obtained 44,165 prescription medications valued at over **\$18,983,118** for the patients we serve. Tuftonboro residents have been the beneficiaries of \$1,344,216 of that total.

There are currently 45 Medication Bridge programs operating in hospitals and clinics throughout New Hampshire which operate under the umbrella of the Foundation for Healthy Communities in Concord, NH. Of those 45 sites, the program at Huggins Hospital is currently the only all-volunteer program.

Over the course of the past three years, after the passage of the Affordable Care Act, our population has become considerably smaller. A provision of the Affordable Care Act required that states must have a minimum of 100% of the Federal Poverty Level for Medicaid eligibility in order for low income people to be eligible for a subsidy for the ACA. New Hampshire raised its limit from 63% to 100%, thereby making a number of our former patients eligible for Medicaid. The state legislature has recently voted to continue the Medicaid eligibility at 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. People enrolled in Medicare D, Medicaid or in the Affordable Care Act are not eligible to participate in Medication Bridge since those plans pay for their medications.

We enrolled 13 new patients during the fiscal year. At the same time, we deactivated 84 patients many of whom enrolled in the Affordable Care Act, became eligible for Medicaid or failed to provide the necessary updated financial information which is required annually.

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 we served 108 patients, 71 fewer than the preceding year.

Our expenses for FY 2016 were \$1,601 and we are asking for \$1,665 for FY2018.

The costs for our program have been for office supplies, a maintenance contract on most of the equipment and \$1 for every order we submit to a pharmaceutical company for a NAME BRAND medication for many years. Unfortunately, the owner of the company that provided us with our needed computer service died unexpectedly in April. We are in the process of finalizing a contract with a new vendor. The listed cost is higher per application but we are reasonably confident that we will be able to modify the arrangement and come in close to what we have been accustomed to paying. We will operate on the assumption that we are successful.

**During the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 time period we served 5 residents from Tuftonboro who received 65 prescription medications valued at \$52,240. The cost to the patient was basically \$0.**

As we have since 2004, we ask for assistance from those towns whose residents receive at least 5% of the total value of medications received during the preceding fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

Based upon the value of the medications received by the Tuftonboro residents whom we served this past year, Tuftonboro's share is 10.95%. Therefore, we are asking for the Town of Tuftonboro to approve a sum of **\$107** to assist us in meeting the needs of the residents we serve. **This represents a decrease of \$1 from last year.**

Jack Drinkwater, Coordinator

**ATTACHMENT #2**

<b>Medication Bridge Budget</b>	<b>FY2016 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY2017 APPROVED BUDGET</b>	<b>FY2018 BUDGET REQUEST</b>
<b>Category</b>			
Office Supplies which include: Paper for copiers and scanner; Ink Cartridges for Scanner/Copier Mailing envelopes General office supplies such as pens, markers, etc.	\$375	\$180	\$325
<b>Total Office Supplies &amp; Equipment</b>			
Maintenance Contract on Equipment (Includes toner)	440	440	440
Total Software License Fees	\$786	\$1,000	\$900
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$1,601</b>	<b>\$1,620</b>	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY2018</b>			<b>\$1,665</b>

**ATTACHMENT #3**

**VALUE OF MEDS BY TOWN**

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

<b>Town</b>	<b># of Active Patients</b>	<b># of Prescriptions Received</b>	<b>Value of Medications Received</b>
Altons	11	87	\$64,310
Brookfield	2	35	\$91,356
Chocorua & Tamworth	6	56	\$27,870
Ossipees	24	152	\$128,920
Ctr. Tuftonboro & Mirror Lake	5	65	\$52,240
Wakefields, Union & Sanbornville	5	44	\$30,670
Wolfeboros	28	160	\$81,791
<b>Number of other towns served totalled 22</b>	27	187	\$97,735
<b>Total</b>	108	786	\$574,892

## ATTACHMENT #4

### Financial Request on a Town by Town Basis for FY2018

Request is based upon the value of medications received in the base year for towns receiving 5% or more

Altons
Brookfield
Chocorua & Tamworth
Ossipees
Ctr. Tuftonboro & Melvin Village
Wakefields, Union & Sanbornville
Wolfeboros

13.48%	\$224
19.15%	\$320
5.84%	\$97
27.02%	\$450
10.95%	\$182
6.43%	\$107
17.14%	\$285
100.00%	\$1,665

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Huggins Hospital of the Town of Wolfboro,  
c/o C. Clifton Avery, Treasurer,  
South Main Street,  
Wolfboro, New Hampshire

Taxpayer Identification No.  
02-0223332-N

Sirs:

It is the opinion of this office, based upon the evidence presented, that you are exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 101 (6) of the Internal Revenue Code and corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts, as it is shown that you are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes.

Accordingly, you will not be required to file returns of income unless you change the character of your organization, the purposes for which you were organized, or your method of operation. Any such changes should be reported immediately to the collector of internal revenue for your district in order that their effect upon your exempt status may be determined.

Since any organization which is exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 101 of the Internal Revenue Code also is exempt from the capital stock tax pursuant to the express provisions of section 1201 (a) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code, you will not be required to file capital stock tax returns for future years so long as the exemption from income tax is effective.

Furthermore, under substantially identical authority contained in sections 1426 and 1607 of the Code and/or corresponding provisions of the Social Security Act, the employment taxes imposed by such statutes are not applicable to remuneration for services performed in your employ so long as you meet the conditions prescribed above for retention of an exempt status for income tax purposes.

You will be required, however, to file annually, beginning with your current accounting period, an information return on Form 990 with the collector of Internal Revenue for your district so long as this exemption remains in effect. This form may be obtained from the collector and is required to be filed on or before the first day of the third month following the close of your annual accounting period.

Contributions made to you are deductible by the donors in arriving at their taxable net income in the manner and to the extent provided by section 23(e) and (q) of the Internal Revenue Code and corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts.

Bequests, legacies, devises or transfers, to or for your use are deductible in arriving at the value of the net estate of a decedent for estate tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided by sections 512(d) and 561 (a) (3) of the Code and/or corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts. Gifts

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of property to you are deductible in computing net gifts for gift tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided in section 1004 (a)(2)(B) and 1004 (b)(2) and (3) of the Code and/or corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts.

The collector of internal revenue for your district is being advised of this action.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Respectfully,

/s/ T. Mooney

Deputy Commissioner.