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Director Murnieks,

I understand the difficult position the state will be in soon with reduced revenues due to the pandemic. I appreciate that Medicaid ALI subsidy accounts were excluded as we expect our Medicaid costs to increase during this difficult time. We are working to be responsible during the current emergency by supporting our providers. We want our providers to stay in business and for them to retain direct support professionals. If providers are not able to remain in business, we might have to offer more costly services to the individuals we serve in the future.

While this exercise is for FY20, I understand that FY21 and beyond will present even bigger budget challenges. As we emerge from the current state of emergency, DODD will work with our system stakeholders to be innovative and look for efficiencies in our system. We are currently assessing our internal operations as an agency for SFY21 in preparation for these challenges.

The delayed enaction of the FY20 budget postponed the preparation and posting of RFPs for Part C Early Intervention and Multi-System Youth. Once RFPs were posted, some came in under budget, particularly for trainings related to children with neonatal abstinence syndrome and high levels of lead exposure. Services to these children have continued to increase through the fiscal year, but this ramp up will result in underspending in FY20. Finally, we also expect reduced spending over the last four months of the fiscal year due to the pandemic. Our GRF expenditures are likely to return to expected levels after the pandemic. Our GRF reductions are outlined below.

GRF

Budget Period	Fund	ALI	ALI Description	Account	Amount				
2020Q3	GRF	322422	Multi System Youth	550	\$736,819				
2020*	GRF	322421	EARLY INTERVENTION	*	\$1,532,264				

Total \$2,269,083

^{*}DODD will provide full detail to our OBM analyst Nick Strahan for El. Some shifting between accounts is needed.

DODD's non-GRF target includes appropriation line item 653606 which is used to provide the state share of Medicaid match. After talking with our OBM analyst, we believe this ALI should have been excluded from the original calculation. However, current projections show we are able to release some allotment in that ALI if desired. The other reductions can be taken from appropriation line item 320606 which funds operating and non-GRF grants. We have limited our FY20 administrative spending to only essential items that are central to our mission. Our non-GRF reductions are outlined below.

Non-GRF

Budget					
Period	Fund	ALI	ALI Description	Account	Amount
2020Q3	5GE0	653606	ICF/IID & WAIVER MATCH	550	\$4,674,635
2020	5GE0	320606	OPERATING and SERVICES	510	\$400,000
2020	5GE0	320606	OPERATING and SERVICES	520	\$1,600,000
2020Q3	5GE0	320606	OPERATING and SERVICES	550	\$316,583

Total \$6,991,218

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I will be happy to discuss this proposal, and the challenges DODD is facing with the pandemic, with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davis

Director