

HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(27): DHHS Funds for Public Health, Rural Providers, Infection Control in Nursing and Adult Care Homes, Behavioral Health Emergencies

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OVERVIEW: Section 3.3(27) of S.L. 2020-4 requires the Office of State Budget and Management to allocate \$20 million of the funds appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide funds to support local health departments, rural health providers, the state Laboratory of Public Health, and behavioral health and crisis services. Allowable uses include, but are not limited to, the following: increasing nursing capacity, increasing the number of community health workers, expanding telehealth services, providing infection control support and training in nursing home and adult care homes, and diverting behavioral health emergencies from emergency departments.

This section became effective May 4, 2020.