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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, Office of Information Services (the Department), to make a **retroactive** payment to the New Hampshire Health Information Organization (NHHIO), Concord, NH 03301 (vendor 225807-B001,) in the amount of \$30,000.00 for association dues for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. 100% General Funds.

Funds to support this request are available in the following account for State Fiscal Year 2018:

**05-95-095-954010-59520000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES**

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Job #	Class Title	Amount
2018	026-500251	95440000	Memberships	\$30,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The above action is requested **retroactively** to pay the Department's annual dues for member services that were provided by NHHIO. Association dues for 2017 were not paid because of a processing error, and the original request for payment was overlooked. The Department's subscription expired on December 31, 2017, and will not be renewed. NHHIO ceased providing all services effective December 31, 2017.

The purpose of NHHIO's service was to connect healthcare organizations by providing a secure exchange for patient information. NHHIO collaborated with hospitals, physicians, community health centers, long term care providers, home care providers, clinicians, and the Department to provide access to an electronic network to share patient information in a timely, secure, and confidential manner.

**1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?**

The NHHIO is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that was created by legislation on July 5, 2011, by an amendment to New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated (RSA) 332-I (House Bill # 489). The Department participated as a member from its inception until December 31, 2017.

**2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?**

No

**3. How many other states belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?**

No other states or New Hampshire state agencies were members of the NHHIO network.

**4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)**

The annual fee was based on the expected use for each participating entity.

**5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?**

NHHIO provided a health information exchange service to healthcare providers and the State that was less costly, easier to manage, and more accurate than the Virtual Private Network (VPN) technology that the State had used before NHHIO was created. Since NHHIO stopped providing service the State has resumed using VPN technology until a better solution is identified and implemented.

**6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.**

No

**7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.**

No

**8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.**

No

**9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)**

The DHHS Chief Information Officer (now the Director, Bureau of Information Services) was a member of the Board of Directors for NHHIO until December 31, 2017.

**10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.**

If the Department did not belong to NHHIO, it may not have had access to the most accurate patient health information for making informed healthcare decisions.

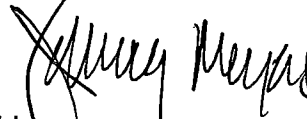
Area served: Statewide.

Source of funds: 100% General Funds.

Respectfully Submitted,



David E. Wieters  
Director



Approved by:

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Commissioner



NH Health Information Organization Corp.  
 125 Airport Road  
 Concord, NH 03301

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
1/25/2018	578

Bill To
NH Dept of Health and Human Services c/o E Shields HIE Coordinator 129 Pleasant St. Brown Bldg. Concord, NH 03301

Rep	Terms
	Due on receipt

Item	Description	Rate	Qty/Hours	Amount
Annual	Annual Fees Jan-Dec 2017	30,000.00		30,000.00

<b>Total</b>			\$30,000.00
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EIN 45-3247637

<b>Payments/Credits</b>	\$0.00
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<b>Balance Due</b>	\$30,000.00
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