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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, Division of Medicaid Services, to make a **retroactive** payment to the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD), (Vendor #219980), 444 N. Capitol Street, Suite 524, Washington, DC 20001 for annual membership dues in the amount of \$8,011, **retroactive** to July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council. 50% General Funds and 50% Federal Funds

Funds to support this request are available in the following account in State Fiscal Year 2019:

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MEDICAID ADMINISTRATION**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2019	026-500251	Organizational Dues	47000000	\$8,011

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because the invoice for the membership dues, dated July 1, 2018, was received on July 25, 2018, after the effective date of the membership.

The purpose of this request is to pay annual membership dues to NAMD for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. NAMD is a bipartisan, professional, nonprofit organization of state Medicaid agencies. It is a point of communication between the states and the federal government, and it provides pertinent information on the Medicaid program to states and Medicaid agencies.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

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

The National Association of State Medicaid Directors was established in 1979 as an affiliate of the American Public Human Services Association. In 2011 it

was reorganized as NAMD to represent and support Medicaid Directors, and to focus exclusively on Medicaid support to the states. The Department has been a member since fiscal year 2004.

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

No.

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

Forty-nine (49) states, territories and the District of Columbia belong to NAMD. The Division of Medicaid Services is the sole agency that is a member for the State of New Hampshire.

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

The dues structure is based on population.

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

The State benefits from participating in the NAMD because it represents the bipartisan views of state Medicaid programs in federal policy process; serves as a focal point of communication between the states and the federal government; provides an information network among the states on issues pertinent to the Medicaid program; provides rapid assessment of changes in federal policy and regulations; and leverages and promotes expertise across states to improve state Medicaid programs, policies, and operations. Membership provides the Department with informational and program resources which far exceed the annual costs.

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

NAMD conducts trainings via conference calls and/or webinars on specific aspects of federal policy or regulations. The cost is included in the membership.

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.

NAMD sponsors two national meetings yearly. Historically, all travel related expenses have been covered by grants to NAMD from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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 Department of Health and Human Services' Henry D. Lipman, Medicaid Director, is a member.

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


Should the Governor and Executive Council not approve this request, the State would lose its primary contact to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, affecting the ability to respond to changes in federal regulations in a timely manner, and the ability to leverage other States' experiences in administering the Medicaid program. The Department may not be able to promote and preserve New Hampshire's federal policy interests relative to grants and funding, and may not have access to assistance with meeting the federal requirements to secure future funding, including block grant funding.

Area Served: Statewide.


Source of Funds: This request is 50% General Funds and 50% Federal Funds.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by: 
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