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May 29, 2019

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Division of Medical Professions, to pay annual dues to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), Chicago, IL, Vendor Number 168797, in the amount of \$6,000.00 for participation in the National Licensing Compact Administrators (NLCA) from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Other funds.

Funds are anticipated to be available in the following account for Fiscal Year 2020, upon the continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget:

01-21-21-212010-240600000 Division of Health Professions	<u>FY 2020</u>
026 – 500251 ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	6,000.00

EXPLANATION

The Office of Professional Licensure and Certification's Board of Nursing is statutorily required, pursuant to RSA 326-B:46, to be a participant in the Nursing Compact Licensure Administrators (NCLA) as a multi-state compact licensing state. NCSBN is the only entity that provides access to participation in NLCA membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter D. Danles

Executive Director

Listed below are answers to questions which may be of assistance for The Governor and Council in considering the approval of organization dues and membership submissions:

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?* Nurse Compact Licensure Administrators (NCLA) was first implemented in Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin in January 2000. The NH Board of Nursing joined NCLA in January 2006.
2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which you agency belongs to?*
No.
3. *How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?* NCLA has 31 member boards. Membership consists of the Boards of Nursing in: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Six additional states have pending legislation. The OPLC's Board of Nursing is the only NH state agency that is a member.
4. *How is the dues structure established?* Standard fee for all participating states.
5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in membership?* As the collective voice of nursing regulation in the U.S., NCLA's work encompasses:
 - Ensuring and encouraging cooperation of member states to hold each member state and nurse accountable
 - Promoting uniformity in regulation of nursing practice
 - Promoting uniform licensure requirements for nurses through the NLC (nursing licensure compact) framework policy and procedures that are created and approved by NLC members.
 - Providing greater mobility for nurses and elimination of duplication, redundancy and cost associated with application for multiple state licenses.
 - Serving as a forum for information exchange and problem solving for members regarding nurse licensee discipline for the 1.6 million nurses licensed within the compact states.
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 - Allowing Boards of Nursing that are NLC member states to "flag" licensees who are under investigation under the NLC Nursys system. The "flag" is viewable in the database by all other NLC states and is a public protection feature which alerts boards of high risk individuals.
 - Providing opportunities for collaboration among its members and other nursing and health care organizations, particularly in times of disaster. Hospital and hospital associations across the nation support the NLC because of this particular membership benefit.
6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included?*
Yes to both
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.* Yes, NCLA meets annually for a Delegate Assembly at locations within the U.S. There is also a mid-year conference at a location on the East Coast. These 2 conferences are attended by the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing. Finally, there is an annual Operations Conference in Chicago, IL which is attended by 2 Board of Nursing support staff.
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).* All Board of Nursing Board Members, support staff, and the Executive Director are involved with this organization. The Board Members and the Executive Director are voting members of NCLA. The Executive Director can also serve as a committee member or officer in NCLA.
10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the OPLC did not belong to this organization.* New Hampshire could not be a compact licensure state as required by RSA 326-B:46. State and facility access to licensed nurses during a disaster or other time of great need for qualified nursing services would decrease without access to NCLA's Nursys system. Further, NH would not benefit from the public protection features associated with Nursys and the other compact member states.

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Invoice	DATE	NUMBER
	5/29/2019	11010

Billing Address
 NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF NURSING
 ATTN - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 121 S FRUIT STREET
 CONCORD, NH 03301

Service Address
 NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF NURSING

FY20 eNLC DUES 10/1/19-9/30/20

Charge Date	Charge Code	Description	Fixed Charge	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount	Sales Tax
5/29/2019	eNLC	OCT 1, 2019 - SEPT 30, 2020	\$6,000.00	0.00	0.000000	\$6,000.00	

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Payment Terms: Net 30 Days Sales Tax: \$0.00
 Total: \$6,000.00

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