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January 7, 2016

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
And the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Justice to **retroactively** pay annual dues to the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units in the amount of \$5,898 for the Medicaid Fraud Annual Dues for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2016. 75% Federal Funds, 25% General Funds.

Funding for this request is available in account #02-20-20-200510-2615, Department of Justice, Public Protection, Medicaid Fraud as follows:

<u>Class/Expense</u>	<u>Description</u>	FY16
<u>Amount</u>		
026-500251	Membership Dues	\$5,898

EXPLANATION

**This request is retroactive because the invoice from the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units was not received in the Department of Justice Business Office until December 11, 2015.**

Congress enacted the Medicaid program in 1965. New Hampshire's Medicaid Fraud Unit has been operating since 1984. The Unit has statewide jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute fraud and abuse practices in the State of New Hampshire and receives 75% federal funding for its operations. New Hampshire is a member of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Units (NAMFCU) headquartered in Washington, DC. The nation's 49 Medicaid Fraud Units are organized under the umbrella of NAMFCU. As a condition of membership, each state

is required to pay annual organizational dues.

Attached are the standard questions and answers required for organizational dues and memberships.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney General

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**Standard questions required for Governor and Council for 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 Medicaid Fraud Control Units (NAMFCU) has been in existence since 1965. The Department of Justice has belonged to this organization since it was established.

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

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit does not belong to another organization providing the same or similar benefits.

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

This organization is made up of 49 states. The NH MFCU is the sole State agency in New Hampshire belonging to this organization.

4. *How is the dues structure established?*

NAMFCU determines the dues amount based on federal funding provided.

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

The State receives investigative and administrative training for staff along with coordinated litigation in global cases.

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

Yes, training and educational/research materials are included in the membership. Some training is reimbursed.

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

Staff is required to attend at least one annual training.

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.*

There is travel involved. The Director is required to attend an annual conference as well as other trainings offered. The cost for travel, room and board is provided in lump sum scholarships in some cases, otherwise, the federal grant pays for 75% of the cost for each trip.

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).*

Assistant Attorney General Karin M. Eckel is currently the Director of the NH Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and is New Hampshire's representative with NAMFCU.

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

- Loss of benefits of settlement money in global cases as well as dissolution of the New Hampshire Unit.
- Lack of knowledge and cooperation with other states in major state and federal emerging issues.



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INVOICE #97-2016

Medicaid Fraud Annual Dues: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

**Total Due: \$ 5,898**

**NAMFCU**  
**Dues Schedule FY 2016**

Federal Funding	MFCUs	Federal Funding FY 2016	Dues FY 2016
Over 40 MM		40,000,000+	
30 - 40 MM	New York	39,986,336	35,334
20 - 30 MM	California	28,562,876	33,323
	Florida	20,236,508	33,323
10 - 20 MM	Texas	18,030,384	31,503
8 - 10 MM	Virginia	9,912,464	23,335
	Ohio	8,996,592	23,335
	Illinois	8,305,468	23,335
6 - 8 MM	Pennsylvania	6,809,288	19,318
4 - 6 MM	Indiana	5,289,276	15,302
	North Carolina	5,047,484	15,302
	Louisiana	4,764,408	15,302
	Michigan	4,403,960	15,302
	Massachusetts	4,377,928	15,302
	Georgia	4,032,188	15,302
2 - 4 MM	Tennessee	3,968,556	12,594
	Washington	3,946,900	12,594
	Maryland	3,932,972	12,594
	New Jersey	3,541,200	12,594
	Mississippi	2,989,456	12,594
	Kentucky	3,044,852	12,594
	Arizona	2,865,792	12,594
	District of Columbia	2,754,764	12,594
	Missouri	2,228,352	12,594
	Arkansas	2,196,328	12,594
	Nevada	2,165,688	12,594
	Oklahoma	2,162,464	12,594
	New Mexico	2,031,956	12,594
	1 - 2 MM	Colorado	1,922,368
Connecticut		1,888,072	10,797
Minnesota		1,886,392	10,797
Oregon		1,808,296	10,797
Utah		1,694,476	10,797
Delaware		1,546,276	10,797
West Virginia		1,436,368	10,797
South Carolina		1,423,200	10,797
Hawaii		1,340,868	10,797
Alaska		1,243,324	10,797
Wisconsin		1,198,340	10,797
Alabama		1,110,720	10,797
Kansas		1,093,356	10,797
Rhode Island	1,070,216	10,797	
500K - 1 MM	Maine	899,876	5,898
	Iowa	859,064	5,898
	Vermont	845,652	5,898
	Nebraska	772,040	5,898
	Idaho	752,304	5,898
	New Hampshire	687,980	5,898
	Montana	641,380	5,898
200K-500K	Wyoming	439,800	2,371
	South Dakota	339,272	2,371
		\$ 233,484,080	\$ 675,526