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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

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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 Human Services, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services to **retroactively** pay the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, 1201 15th Street, NW #350, Washington, D.C. 20005, (Vendor #169354), \$7,049 for annual membership dues, retroactive to July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, effective upon Governor and Council approval. The sources of funds are: 75% Federal and 25% General.

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

**05-95-45-450010-6125 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS,
HHS: DIVISION OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

<u>Class/Object</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Activity Code</u>	<u>SFY 2018</u>
026-0251	Organizational Dues	48440000	\$7,049

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because changes were being made to the funding codes, which were not finalized until after the beginning of the new State Fiscal Year.

Approval of this payment will allow the Department to continue the annual membership dues to the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Membership in the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities benefits the Department of Health and Human Services and the State of New Hampshire in its provision of various services relating to aging, disability and caregiving issues. Membership services include representation, policy analysis, information, brokering of resources, consultation, training and promotion.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required by Governor and Executive 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 States United for Aging and Disabilities has been in existence since 1964. The Department of Health and Human Services has been a member since 1978.
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?
Membership includes 56 State and territorial Medicaid, aging and disability agencies. No other New Hampshire state agencies are members of this association.
4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)
A standard fee for membership is established for all states.
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?
Membership provides technical assistance in policy development and program implementation, timely federal legislative updates, survey results from other states on issues impacting Medicaid, aging and disabilities services in New Hampshire, research and advocacy regarding federal program funding and program requirements. Membership provides the Department with informational and program resources that 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.
Yes. The all-inclusive membership fee includes hard copies of reports, surveys, and studies, information about changes happening on the federal level and proposed legislation. Much of this information is available on a members-only website. The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities also conducts research on behalf of a member State on budget or programmatic issues by polling the other members.
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.
Travel is usually not included in the membership fee, although the organization does provide some meals associated with meetings, which are usually held twice a year in the Baltimore/Washington D.C. area. Meetings are held to conduct policy briefings, introduce new program initiatives related to, Medicaid, aging and disabilities, technical assistance, and to formulate recommendations for federal legislation impacting these areas. Due to financial restrictions, Department staff has not attended these meetings in recent years.
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).
Department of Health and Human Director of Long Term Supports and Services, Christine Santaniello is a voting member.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the state if the Agency did not belong to this organization. NASUAD is the only national organization that encompasses and promotes the issues of aging and disability. If the Department did not belong, New Hampshire would not have a voice at the table to communicate the viewpoints and concerns of the state's aging and disability populations to Congress, federal agencies and other national organizations. It would severely limit the state's ability to affect national legislation in the Medicaid, aging and disability field, join in collaborative efforts with other states, and bring about efforts to streamline and simplify federal Medicaid, aging and disability programs and regulations. In addition, it would deprive New Hampshire of a valuable resource for current knowledge in Medicaid, aging, disability and related fields, as well as technical assistance.

Area served: statewide

Source of funds: 75% General Funds and 25% 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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Director

Approved by:



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PERIOD COVERED	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL DUE
July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018	FY 2018 NASUAD Assessment	\$7,049.00

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO:
NASUAD
1201 15TH STREET
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