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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to **Retroactively** pay the Health Level Seven International (VC#1298119), Ann Arbor, MI in the amount of \$2,600 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Council approval, for the membership period of April 6, 2022 through April 5, 2023. 52% Federal Funds, 4% Other Funds and 44% General Funds.

Funding is available in the Informatics & Health Statistics account as follows:

05-95-90-900510-52620000-026-500251 – Membership Fees \$2,600

EXPLANATION

This item is **Retroactive** as the DPHS did not receive the invoice from the vendor until after the start date of the membership, and there were delays in preparing the Governor and Council request.

Health Level Seven International is a not-for-profit, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited standards developing organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. Health Level-7 (HL7) standard, created by Health Level Seven International, is supported by more than 1,600 members from over 50 countries. The new version HL7 FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) standard defines how healthcare information can be exchanged between different computer systems regardless of how it is stored in those systems.

NH has implemented HL7 standards for the integration and retrieval of electronic health information, including reportable disease electronic laboratory reporting, electronic disease case surveillance, blood lead laboratory messages, syndromic surveillance system and more. The next phase is to upgrade to HL7 FHIR standard that will provide quicker and more efficient health care data interoperability. By joining HL7 International as an Organizational Member, it will benefit NH DHHS to access HL7 standards and manuals, attend free member webinars, participate in trainings, and communicate effectively with other jurisdictions and partners regarding the use of standards based electronic health messages.

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?

Answer: Health Level Seven International was founded in 1987. New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has never been a member of this organization since the organization's inception.

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

Answer: Health Level Seven International created and updates the Health Level-7 (HL7) standard solely and is the only organization that provides the standards. There are no other organizations that provide the same benefits.

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

Answer: There are currently 20 state health departments and more than 120 government/non-profit members that belong to this organization. NH Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA) is an active member since 2018. NH DVRA is currently an Organizational Member.

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

Answer: Membership dues for Organizational membership are \$2,600 per year for states. Based on member benefits, there are two other Membership levels, Benefactor (\$16,000 for states) and Gold Membership (\$3,300 for states).

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

Answer: Benefits for Organizational Members that are included in participating in this membership are ability to vote on HL7 standards, access to HL7 standards and manuals, free membership in user groups, free member advantage webinars, discounts on HL7 meeting registrations and other educational offerings, and the ability to share excerpts of standards.

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

Answer: There are opportunities to receive and participate trainings, technical assistance and capacity building. Member advantage webinars are no cost. Members participating in HL7 Training and Education offerings will have significant discounts.

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

Answer: The membership is not required in order to receive any federal grants or in order to receive/participate in licensing or certification exams.

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.

Answer: There is no travel included with this membership.

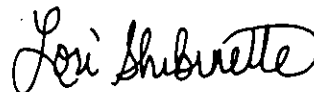
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

Answer: Chiahui Chawla, Chief, Bureau of Public Health Statistics and Informatics—(Voting Member)

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

Answer: If the Department does not belong to HL7 International, the Department would not have access to the HL7 standards, manuals, and advocacy for the use and implementation of standards at the federal level. This information provides the Department with a competitive advantage in the healthcare informatics field and supports effective strategic decision-making that leads to better health outcomes for the population of NH.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shibinette

Commissioner



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Confirmation for Transaction Number 89118

Date of Transaction: Apr 6, 2022
 Constituent ID: 0171960

<p>Purchaser: Division of Public Health Servic 29 Hazen Drive United States Concord, NH 03301</p>	<p>Payment made to: Health Level Seven International 3300 Washtenaw Ave. Suite 227 Ann Arbor, MI 48104 United States of America Fax: (+1) 734-677-6622 Phone: (+1) 734-677-7777</p>
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Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
Membership: Org VotMem OrgVoteMem Start Date: 04/06/2022 End Date: 04/05/2023 Chawla, Chiahui	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership: Org GOVPROUNI OrGPUSta Start Date: 04/06/2022 End Date: 04/05/2023 Division of Public Health Servic	1	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00

Total Membership Fees:	\$2,600.00
Shipping/Postage:	\$0.00
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Total:	\$2,600.00
Total Paid:	\$0.00
Balance Due:	\$2,600.00

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Payment must be in US dollars.

IF YOU HAVE SUBMITTED A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you have paid for your membership at this time, it has been activated. You will now be able to access members only information from the website which includes all of our standards.

If you have selected payment either by check or wire transfer, your membership will be activated upon receipt of your payment.

IF YOU HAVE SUBMITTED A MEETING REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration Orders
 Registrations and payment must reach us by the end of the day ET of the Early Bird date to receive the special Early Bird rate.

Advance Registration Orders
 Advance registrations MUST include payment. Registrations received without payment will not be processed until the time that payment is received.

Note: Memberships are non-refundable.

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