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June 16, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Retroactive

REQUESTED ACTION

(1) Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, to enter into a **retroactive** agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, Concord, New Hampshire (Vendor Number 99459), for new hire reporting services, which are related to child support collection activity, in an amount not to exceed \$257,000.00, for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval. 66% Federal funds and 34% General funds.

05-95-42-427010-7929 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS,
HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Class Title	Job Number	Amount
SFY 2016	049-584927	Transfer to Agencies, NH Employment Security	42703400	\$125,000
SFY 2017	049-584927	Transfer to Agencies, NH Employment Security	42703400	\$132,000
Total				\$257,000

(2) Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, to enter into a **retroactive** agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, Concord, New Hampshire (Vendor Number 99459), for unemployment compensation intercept and parent locator services, which are related to child support collection activity, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval. 66% Federal funds and 34% General funds.

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HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Class Title	Job Number	Amount
SFY 2016	049-584927	Transfer to Agencies, NH Employment Security	42703400	\$39,000
SFY 2017	049-584927	Transfer to Agencies, NH Employment Security	42703400	\$41,000
Total				\$80,000

Funds are available in the above account, pending legislative approval of the next biennial budget, with authority to adjust encumbrances between State Fiscal Years through the Budget Office, without approval from Governor and Executive Council.

EXPLANATION

New Hampshire Employment Security is required by New Hampshire RSA 282-A:117-a to provide the services described in Requested Action (1), and by New Hampshire RSA 282-A:159 to provide the services described in Requested Action (2). Both statutes also require the agency to enter into an agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that associated service costs are paid by the Department. As such, these services are not subject to the competitive bidding requirement of ADM. 311.07 and cannot lapse. These Requests are being submitted **retroactively** because a change of agency personnel responsible for renegotiation of the Agreements resulted in an initial delay. On a biennial basis, the Agreements are renegotiated to coincide with the state budget process and to meet certain procedural requirements prescribed by the Department of Administrative Services regarding appropriation and encumbering of funds for these programs and services.

The Agreement referenced in Request (1) will continue the comprehensive New Hire program, including the collection of new hire information from employing units and the maintenance of the State Directory of New Hires, through June 30, 2017. Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, and NH RSA 282-A:117-a, information regarding newly hired workers must be gathered and reported. In NH, RSA 282-A:117-a provides that any employing unit must report to the New Hampshire Employment Security, within twenty (20) calendar days of such employment, the hiring or rehiring of any individual or when contracting or reimbursement for such services is anticipated to exceed \$2,500.00. The agency uses this information to maintain a State Directory of New Hires.

New Hampshire Employment Security and the Department of Health and Human Services are mandated to conduct automated comparisons of the New Hire information. Within three (3) business days of the New Hire information being entered into the State Directory of New Hires, the New Hire information must be furnished to the National Directory of New Hires. The Department of Health and Human Services uses such information to establish and enforce child support obligations, and for the administration of any program specified in 42 U.S.C. 1320b-7(b), such as Medicaid, Transitional Assistance for Needy Families, and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, for purposes of verifying eligibility for such program(s). Additionally, New Hampshire Employment Security must also access the New Hire information for use in its administration of unemployment compensation programs.

The Agreement referenced in Request (2) will continue the parent locator services, cross-match and unemployment compensation intercept services through June 30, 2017. The Federal Parent Locator Service was created by 42 U.S.C. Section 63 and authorizes state Child Support (IV-D) agencies to enter into collaborations to share information to determine the location of individuals who owe child support obligations. RSA 282-A:159 authorizes the withholding of all, or part of, an unemployment compensation payment in those instances when a child support payment has been ordered by a court. Through this Agreement, these two services will be provided by New Hampshire Employment Security to the Division of Child Support Services.

Should Governor and Executive Council determine not to approve these Requests, the Division of Child Support Services will be unable to comply with either the federal or the state laws requiring these services. A loss of these services would result in reduced child support collections, federal sanctions and loss of child support incentive funds. These services have proven to be effective tools in the establishment and enforcement of child support, and for collecting child support payments.

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Area served: statewide.

Source of funds: Federal Funds 66% from the Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #93.563, Federal Award Identification Number 1504NHCSES, and General Funds 34%.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, no additional General Funds will be requested to support this program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Weatherill

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Director

Approved by:

Nicholas A. Toumpas
Nicholas A. Toumpas
Commissioner

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
And
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

NEW HIRE REPORTING

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security (NHES) and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services (DCSS), is for the purpose of providing employer New Hire information to DCSS in Accordance with 42 U.S.C. §653a and New Hampshire RSA 282-A:117-a.

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement:

- A. The acronym DCSS means the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services.
- B. The acronym NHES means the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security.
- C. The acronym OCSE means the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement.
- D. The term “National Directory of New Hires” means an automated directory of new hire and associated information established and maintained by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- E. The term “State Directory of New Hires” means an automated directory maintained by NHES and containing such new hire information as required by RSA 282-A:117-a and 42 U.S.C. §653a.
- F. The term “Employing Unit” means employing unit as defined in RSA 282-A:7-I.
- G. The term “New Hire Information Report” means new hire information as reported by employing units pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 282-A:117-a and such administrative rules adopted thereunder.
- H. The term “New Hire Information File” means the data file containing new hire information as reported to NHES and contained in the State Directory of New Hires.
- I. The term “UC Quarterly Wage Extracts” means quarterly reports of wages as required under 42 U.S.C. 503(a)(6).
- J. The term “UC Claims Data” means quarterly reports, as required by 42 U.S.C. §503(a)(6) of individuals who have applied for, are receiving, or have received unemployment compensation.

- K. The term “Connect Direct” means a peer-to-peer file-sharing protocol used to facilitate the transfer of data between the National Directory of New Hires and NHES or DCSS. Clients of Connect Direct connect to a central hub and can download files directly from one user to another.

ARTICLE 2

AUTHORITY OF PURPOSE

A. This Agreement is entered into and under the authority of 42 U.S.C. §653a, NH RSA 126-A:5, NH RSA 161-H:2, NH RSA 282-A:112, and NH RSA 282-A:117-a.

B. The purpose of the Agreement is to enter into a Contract by and between NHES and DCSS to promote and maintain the comprehensive New Hire Program which includes, but is not limited to, the collection of new hire information from employing units, the maintenance of a State Directory of New Hires, the utilization of such new hire information as authorized by law, and to provide and exchange such information with the National Directory of New Hires as authorized and required by State and Federal law.

ARTICLE 3

SCOPE OF WORK

A. NHES shall be responsible for notifying all New Hampshire employing units of the requirement for reporting all New Hires as required by NH RSA 282-A:117-a, and under such rules as adopted. Such notification shall include information about the methods and procedure for providing New Hire information reports. NHES shall make the appropriate preparations and notify and educate such employing units by performing the following tasks:

1. Provide New Hire information to all New Hampshire employing units by:
 - a. Conducting mailings, as needed, to advise and inform all New Hampshire employing units of any significant changes in the law, administrative rules, policy, or procedure regarding New Hire information reporting obligations;
 - b. Providing supplemental informational mailings on an on-going basis and in addition to mailings associated with any significant change in the law, administrative rules, policy or procedure, conducted a minimum of one (1) time per each calendar year;
 - c. Developing, printing, and distributing such brochures, with the advice and consent of DCSS; and
 - d. Providing postage and envelopes for each mailing. Mailings may be in conjunction with regular NHES mailings.
2. Maintain and staff a toll free telephone line and maintain a readily accessible employer question and answer hotline.

3. Adopt such administrative rules, with the advice and consent of DCSS, as may be necessary for the efficient administration of NH RSA 282-A:117-a.
4. Participate, in cooperation with DCSS to the extent possible, in promoting the New Hire reporting program by participating in an on-going outreach effort, including, but not limited to, appearing at speaking engagements before such groups as the Business and Industry Association, the various payroll organizations, and at employment seminars.
5. Investigate and enforce against, as appropriate, possible cases of New Hampshire employing units in violation of the requirements for reporting all New Hires as required by NH RSA 282-A:117-a, and under such rules as adopted.

B. NHES shall be responsible for collecting New Hire information reports from employing units in accordance with RSA 282-A:117-a and any administrative rules adopted there under. NHES shall make the appropriate preparations and collect such New Hire reports by performing the following tasks:

1. Accept New Hire information reports in such form or format as provided by NH RSA 282-A:117-a and administrative rules adopted thereunder, from employing units via first class mail, fax, electronic file or magnetic media (tape, diskette, or cartridge), webtax or by any other means mutually agreed upon by:
 - a. Providing and maintaining a Post Office box for New Hire information reports submitted by mail;
 - b. Providing a fax machine with adequate memory capacity and maintaining a toll-free fax line for New Hire information reports submitted by employing units via fax; and
 - c. Informing Employing Units of the acceptable format(s) and procedure for reporting by electronic file and accepting such reports in two (2) monthly transmissions not less than twelve (12) nor more than sixteen (16) calendar days apart.
 - d. Providing access via Internet for reporting New Hire information reporting submitted by employing units.

C. NHES has established and shall maintain the State Directory of New Hires in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §653a, NH RSA 282-A:117-a, and all administrative rules adopted thereunder. NHES maintains the State Directory of New Hires by performing the following tasks:

1. Provide such computer hardware and software as is required to accept, store, and maintain automated New Hire information reports as provided by employing units and to compile, produce, and transmit New Hire information files as required under 42 U.S.C. §653a, NH RSA 282-A:117-a, all administrative rules adopted there under, and pursuant to Article 4-D of this Agreement. The State Directory of New Hires shall be a secure database and shall include sufficient back-up capabilities to ensure the successful transmission of the New Hire information file.

2. Enter New Hire information reports, which are properly submitted to NHES pursuant to NH RSA 282-A:117-a and all administrative rules adopted thereunder, into the State Directory of New Hires within five (5) business days of receipt.

D. NHES shall transfer to DCSS New Hire information files as contained in the State Directory of New Hires in a file format as specified by OCSE and in accordance with the record specifications for the National Directory of New Hires. NHES shall make the appropriate preparations and shall effect the transfer of the New Hire information file by performing the following tasks:

1. On a daily basis and in accordance with the schedule set forth in the paragraph below, NHES shall transfer a New Hire information file containing only the individual New Hire information reports which were entered into the State Directory of New Hires on that particular day.
2. NHES shall transfer each New Hire information file containing the individual New Hire information reports, which were entered into the State Directory of New Hires on that particular day, to DCSS by electronic transfer by 3:30 P.M. on the same business day.
3. DCSS shall conduct an automated comparison with the New Hire information file in accordance with NH RSA 282-A:117-a.

E. NHES shall, with the assistance of DCSS, furnish New Hire information to the National Directory of New Hires within three (3) business days after the information is entered into the State Directory of New Hires. NHES shall make the appropriate preparations and the parties shall effect the transfer of the New Hire information to the National Directory of New Hires by performing the following tasks:

1. NHES shall transfer to DCSS New Hire information files as entered into the State Directory of New Hires in a file format as specified by DCSS;
2. DCSS shall, after performing the automated comparison as provided by NH RSA 282-A:117-a, transfer the New Hire information file to the National Directory of New Hires via Cyberfusion; and
3. If the method of transfer from NHES to DCSS is by electronic file, subsequent to the transfer of the New Hire information file to the National Directory of New Hires and all other automated comparisons as authorized under NH RSA 282-A:117-a, DCSS shall return the electronic file to NHES.

F. Commencing on July 1, 2015, NHES shall continue, with the assistance of DCSS, to furnish UC claim data to the National Directory of New Hires, via Cyberfusion, by such dates, in such format, and containing such information as the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services shall specify in regulations.

G. Commencing on July 1, 2015, NHES shall continue, with the assistance of DCSS, to furnish quarterly wage extracts to the National Directory of New Hires, via Connect Direct, by such dates, in such format, and containing such information as the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services shall specify in regulations.

ARTICLE 4

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement will commence upon execution subject to the approval by the NH Governor and Executive Council. The term of this Agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 and shall continue thereafter year to year at the mutual agreement of both parties subject to available funds appropriated through the biennium budget process and/or through subsequent Governor and Executive Council action.
- B. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing sixty (60) days written notice to either party.
- C. This Agreement may be modified in writing at any time by mutual consent of both NHES and DCSS.
- D. In the event changes in either State or Federal laws and/or regulations occur which render performance hereunder illegal, void, impracticable, or impossible, this Agreement will terminate immediately. DCSS will reimburse NHES for all costs incurred under this Agreement within thirty (30) days of such termination.

ARTICLE 5

CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. NHES and DCSS shall ensure that information contained in their respective records and obtained from each other be safeguarded and treated as confidential information pursuant to all applicable State and Federal laws, policies, and procedures and ensure that such information shall be used solely for purposes as authorized by law.

ARTICLE 6

COST/REIMBURSEMENT

- A. DCSS shall reimburse NHES for the actual amount of approved costs as listed in *Attachment A*.
- B. NHES shall define and document all costs incurred under this Agreement as follows:
 - 1. On-going costs shall be based upon the personnel costs associated with data preparation, data entry, program administration, hardware and software replacements and maintenance, and the costs of transmission of the New Hire Information file. All personnel costs shall be categorized within the existing Federal Cost Accounting System reporting format. The number of individual reports on each New Hire information file shall be documented by NHES and verified by DCSS.
- C. The estimated annual costs for this service for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 is \$125,000.00 and for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 is \$132,000.00 for a total cost of \$257,000.00 during the term of the Agreement.

D. Costs incurred under this Agreement will be documented by the NHES cost accounting system and billed to DCSS on a monthly basis.

E. NHES shall submit invoices for all approved costs to DCSS on a monthly basis. All invoices shall be submitted to DCSS within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of the calendar month and shall contain sufficient detail to satisfy federal and state audit requirements. DCSS shall review each invoice and NHES shall be reimbursed in accordance with each invoice and shall deduct from the appropriated fund ten (10) days after the invoice is submitted to DCSS.

F. The costs listed on *Attachment A* are guaranteed for the term of the Agreement, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Any cost change shall be negotiated only if DCSS requests a change in Article 3, *Scope of Work*.

G. NHES shall submit to DCSS an accounting of the New Hire Reporting Program for each year. The accounting will be submitted on or before June 30th of each year. The accounting shall contain, at a minimum, a cost/benefit analysis of the program specifically addressing any impact on fraud detection, prevention, or enforcement within the Unemployment Compensation Program.

H. As a result of the accounting pursuant to Article 6, paragraph G of this Agreement, or, if the Department of Labor, or any other entity authorized by law, requests and receives New Hire information reports or New Hire information files, the costs of receiving such information may be equitably prorated and this Agreement shall be adjusted and modified accordingly.

ARTICLE 7

ADDITIONAL TERMS

A. On and after the effective date of this Agreement, with the exception of documents required to be retained by NHES for federal and state audit purposes, all property received from DCSS and all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all files, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, whether finished or unfinished, which has been purchased with funds provided for that purpose or developed under this Agreement shall become the property of DCSS, and shall be returned to DCSS upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason. If such return of property is not practical, DCSS shall be reimbursed accordingly.

B. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, NHES shall keep and maintain New Hire records and memoranda for not less than two years after the expiration of the contract period. At any time after two years or other agreed-to time period, NHES may dispose of such data in a manner it seems appropriate assuring that confidentiality is maintained.

C. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings related hereto.

ARTICLE 8

LIAISON AND NOTICE

A. To facilitate the performance of this Agreement, the following positions are designated as a liaison between NHES and DCSS:

NHES

Jill Revels
Business Administrator III
(603) 229-4449

or

Dianne Carpenter
Director of Unemployment Compensation Bureau
New Hampshire Department of Employment Security
(603) 228-4031
45 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

DCSS

Contracts Manager
Division of Child Support Services
Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 223-4828

B. All notices, bills, paperwork or other communication from NHES to DCSS shall be addressed and sent to:

Program Specialist IV
Division of Child Support Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, by its Director, and the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, by its Commissioner, in their official capacity, have hereunto set their hands to this document on the day and year written below.

For the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services:

Mary Weatherill
Mary Weatherill, Director
New Hampshire Department of Health and
Human Services, Division of Child Support Services

06.16.15
Dated

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MERRIMACK, S.S.

On this 16 day of June, 2015, personally appeared before me, Mary Weatherill, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, acting in her official capacity for and on behalf of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, and acknowledged that she signed the foregoing instrument for the purposes contained therein and to be her voluntary act and deed.

Before me,

[Signature]
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires: _____

THERESA M. JONES, Notary Public
My Commission Expires September 19, 2017

For the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security:

[Signature]
George N. Copadis, Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of
Employment Security

6/9/15
Dated

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MERRIMACK, S.S.

On this 9th day of June, 2015, personally appeared before me, George N. Copadis, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, acting in his official capacity for and on behalf of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Employment Security, and acknowledged that he signed the foregoing instrument for the purposes contained therein and to be his voluntary act and deed.

Before me,

[Signature]
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires: 3/16/2016

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
And
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT/PARENT LOCATE

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security (NHES) and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services (DCSS), is for the purpose of:

1. Locating delinquent child support obligors through identification of the location of their employment and/or residence; and,
2. Implementing the provisions of N.H. RSA 282-A:159, II with regard to child support obligations.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement:

- A. The acronym DCSS refers to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services.
- B. The acronym NHES refers to the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security.
- C. The terms “Disclose” and “Disclosure” mean the release of information or data, with or without the consent of the individuals to whom the information pertains.
- D. The terms “Unemployment Compensation” or “UC” are defined as benefits payable under RSA 282-A and those paid by NHES under agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor, including Extended Benefits, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees, Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemen, Trade Readjustment Allowance, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, and the Redwoods National Park Expansion Act.
- E. The terms “Unemployment Compensation Data” or “UC Data” mean information pertaining to benefits paid under the State Unemployment Compensation (UC) Program or any Federal Unemployment Compensation Program administered by NHES for the Federal government.
- F. The term “Current Benefit Year File” means the available record of UC benefits paid in the existing Benefit Year which means the one year period beginning with the first day of the week in which an individual files an initial claim for benefits and meets the earning requirements of RSA 282-A:25 or as modified under RSA 282-A:4.
- G. The term “Prior Benefit Year File” means the available record of UC benefits paid in the Benefit Year immediately preceding the current Benefit Year.

- H. The term “wage data” means the available record of wages paid to employees and reported to NHES quarterly, as required by State law and Section 1137 of the Social Security Act.
- I. The term “current year wage file” refers to the available wage data reported for the existing calendar year to date, once available for cross-match.
- J. The term “prior year wage file” refers to available wage data reported for the calendar year immediately preceding the current calendar year.
- K. The term “employer file” refers to the available database maintained by NHES on all current and former employing units subject to wage reporting in the state of New Hampshire.
- L. The acronym “NHF” refers to New Hampshire First state financial system.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

- A. This Agreement is entered into under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 503, N.H. RSA 282-A:112, 282-A:118, III, 282-A:159, II, and 458-B:4.
- B. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish conditions, procedures, and safeguards for:
 - 1. The disclosure of wage, employer, and UC data by NHES;
 - 2. Provide DCSS with parent locator information in the possession of NHES;
 - 3. Provide for the withholding of child support from UC benefits.

The Agreement is accomplished by means of automated cross-matches, or individual inquiries, between DCSS inquiry data and NHES computerized wage, employer, and UC data files. This information is available from no other source and will assist DCSS in the location of child support delinquent obligors.

ARTICLE III

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INTERCEPT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

Subject to the following terms and conditions, NHES shall pay part or all of the Unemployment Compensation (UC), otherwise payable to an Unemployment Compensation claimant, to DCSS as the State Agency charged with the collection of child support.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

- A. UC benefits will be withheld only for the purpose of child support. UC benefits will not be withheld for spousal support or any other purpose unless specifically authorized by federal and/or state statute and applicable regulations governing UC benefits.

B. UC benefits will be withheld only if a claimant

1. Has signed an agreement with DCSS to make payments through that agency; or
2. Is under a court order to make payments to DCSS by any state court recognized in New Hampshire by appropriate process, and enforceable by DCSS, ordering child support payments be paid to, or through, DCSS by wage assignment.

C. NHES will withhold UC benefits only in a whole dollar amount per week.

D. If the amount payable to a claimant for any weeks is reduced by earnings, or other deductions having precedence to an amount less than the amount to be withheld, NHES will withhold the entire payable amount. Benefits shall not be withheld in subsequent weeks to make up any shortage resulting from a previous week of reduced benefit withholding.

E. No benefits will be withheld until any outstanding benefit overpayment is recovered by NHES (RSA 282-A:165). If a claimant is found overpaid for a week in which benefits were withheld for child support, the claimant will be liable for repayment of the full benefit amount to NHES.

F. Benefits affected by this agreement will be withheld only after DCSS has notified NHES of a claimant's ongoing obligation of child support. NHES shall thereafter send a Notice of Child Support Withholding to the claimant. Benefits shall not be withheld for weeks prior to the week the Notice of Child Support Withholding has been sent by NHES.

G. Once initiated, UC benefits will be withheld for child support until NHES is notified by DCSS to cease. DCSS will notify NHES within seven (7) days of their records showing that a claimant has a withdrawal of an agreement or the expiration or termination of a court order for support payable through DCSS. NHES will cease withholding benefits as soon as possible after receipt of the notice from DCSS unless the claimant requests that withholding of payments be continued.

H. NHES shall be held harmless for all actions taken as a result of this Agreement based on erroneous information provided by DCSS. DCSS shall be responsible for payment to the claimant of any moneys wrongfully withheld and paid to DCSS as a result of a DCSS error or inadvertence or DCSS' failure to notify NHES as required in Paragraph G above.

I. DCSS will provide NHES with a Form DCSS 662, Unemployment Compensation Benefits Intercept Notice, or its equivalent for each individual from whom UC benefits are to be withheld. The Form 662 shall contain at a minimum the individual's:

1. Full name;
2. Social Security Number;
3. Date of Birth;
4. The amount of weekly child support in whole dollars.

The Form 662 shall certify the accuracy of the information and be emailed by an authorized representative of DCSS.

J. DCSS shall provide NHES with the court order authorizing the withholding, or a signed copy of the individual's authorization, including the amount to be withheld. The copy of the court order or, authorization to withhold, shall be provided concurrently with the notice in Paragraph I, above.

- K. NHES will provide the claimant or DCSS with a record of moneys withheld by NHES, if one is requested.
- L. NHES will notify DCSS within seven (7) days if it is initially unable to withhold child support money from a claimant.
- M. NHES shall transfer all moneys withheld to DCSS on a daily basis, the transfer to be completed within seven (7) calendar days following the end of the week in which benefits are paid.
- N. NHES shall not accept any appeals for the withholding of benefits for child support. NHES shall advise the claimant to contact DCSS regarding the withholding of benefits for child support.
- O. NHES will notify DCSS thirty (30) days prior to the date of any scheduled systems data purge. Twenty-five (25) days prior to the purge, NHES will provide DCSS with a printed report of all DCSS cases identified by NHES as subject to purge. Ten (10) days prior to the purge date, DCSS shall provide NHES with a list of cases that continue to be active. All cases so identified will thereafter be treated by NHES in the same manner as non-purged DCSS cases and charged accordingly.

ARTICLE IV

PARENT LOCATOR CROSSMATCH PROCEDURES

- A. DCSS will provide NHES with an electronic file containing Social Security Numbers (SSNs) extracted from their system files. These electronic files will be provided as needed. Each electronic finder file will adhere to the required format.
- B. NHES will match the finder file with the current and prior benefit year files if necessary, and provide a reply file to DCSS containing the UC data for all individual SSNs found on both the finder and benefit year files. The reply file will adhere to the required format.
- C. NHES will match the electronic finder file with the current and prior year wage files if necessary, match hits with the employer file, and provide an electronic file reply to DCSS containing wage and employer data for all individual SSNs found on both the finder and wage files. The reply file will contain wage data for up to the most recent five (5) years contained in the wage files. The reply file will adhere to the required format.
- D. NHES will provide reply electronic files to DCSS within one (1) week of receipt of the finder electronic file.
- E. Files provided under the provisions of this Agreement will remain the property of the providing agency. NHES will return the DCSS finder file along with the reply files. DCSS will return the reply files to NHES within one (1) week of their receipt.
- F. NHES is not the originator of the wage data provided to DCSS and cannot attest to the accuracy of that data. DCSS, as part of its verification process, shall ensure the wage data provided by NHES pertains to the applicant for, or recipient of, benefits by contacting the employers involved to confirm the data.

ARTICLE V

PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY

A. DCSS and NHES shall adopt policies and procedures to ensure that information contained in their respective records and obtained from each other, or from others in carrying out their functions under this Agreement, shall be used solely as provided in 45 U.S.C. 231 and 362, 42 U.S.C. 503 et seq., regulations promulgated thereunder and N.H. RSA 282-A:118, et seq.

B. It is agreed:

1. To restrict access to the data to only those authorized employees and officials who need it to perform their official duties in connection with the intended uses within the confines of this Agreement;
2. To store the data in an area that is physically safe from access by unauthorized persons during duty hours as well as non-duty hours or when not in use;
3. To process and store the data under the immediate supervision and control of authorized personnel in a manner which will protect the confidentiality of the data and in such a way that unauthorized persons cannot access or retrieve the data by means of computer, remote terminal, or any other means;
4. DCSS and NHES will neither disclose to any individual or organization nor duplicate any information received pursuant to this Agreement except as permitted by 42 U.S.C. 503 et seq. and regulations promulgated thereunder; 5 U.S.C. 522, 5 U.S.C. 522a, notes, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and N.H. RSA 282-A: 118, 119, 121, 125 and 159, II. NHES shall be advised by DCSS prior to any such disclosure or duplication and must agree in writing to any duplication or disclosure;
5. DCSS will retain the identifiable UC and wage data received from NHES only for the period of time required for any processing related to the matching program and will then destroy the records unless the identifiable data must be retained in the individual files to meet evidentiary requirements. In that event, DCSS will destroy the data in accordance with the Federal Records Retention Schedule. DCSS shall not create a separate file or system that consists of information concerning only those individuals who are involved in the specific matching program;
6. To advise all personnel who will have access to the data of its confidential nature, the safeguards required to protect it and the civil and criminal sanctions for non-compliance contained in the applicable Federal and State statutes;
7. To permit NHES and DCSS to make onsite inspections of each other's facilities to ensure that adequate safeguards are being maintained and the requirements of this Agreement are being met;
8. DCSS and NHES will, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Agreement and before any information is exchanged, provide to each other a statement attesting that all personnel having access to information provided by NHES and DCSS have been advised of the confidentiality requirements of this Agreement;

9. DCSS shall, prior to any exchange of information, provide NHES a list of all officials and employees, by position, who will have the authority to request, receive, and obtain information from NHES and shall update NHES' list annually;
10. DCSS shall report to NHES and NHES shall report to DCSS, promptly and fully, any suspected or actual violation of the confidentiality requirements of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

COST/REIMBURSEMENT

A. DCSS will reimburse NHES for all its costs incurred in the performance of this Agreement including any costs incurred to modify existing computer programs. Costs incurred under Article III of this Agreement will be documented by NHES cost accounting system and billed to DCSS on a monthly basis. The preceding costs shall be paid by DCSS regardless of whether the withholding is voluntary or court ordered. These costs are guaranteed for the term of the Agreement, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Any cost change shall be negotiated only if DCSS requests a change in the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement. DCSS acknowledges that an unanticipated change in computer systems, in method of payment of benefits, etc. would be a legitimate reason to discuss those cost structure items affected by such an increase. NHES shall notify DCSS as part of the billing process whenever it appears billing charges may exceed the advance. DCSS shall immediately supplement the advance to cover the estimated deficit. DCSS remains ultimately responsible for insuring sufficient advances are maintained to NHES.

B. The schedule of costs for Articles III and IV is as follows:

1. Child Support Intercept implementation costs summary format and job-costing schedule are listed on *Attachment A*, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
2. Parent locator inquiry cost summary format and job-costing schedule are listed on *Attachment B*, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

C. The estimated annual cost of this service related to Child Support Intercept for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 is \$36,000.00 and for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 is \$38,000.00. The estimated annual cost of service to provide parent locator information for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 is \$3,000.00 and for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 is \$3,000.00.

D. The costs listed in Article VI B, 1 and 2, are subject to change, and may be adjusted by NHES to reflect changed costs, as they occur. Any cost changes would be identified by transmittal of revised *Attachments A* and *B* by NHES to DCSS thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any cost changes. NHES will notify DCSS of all service costs incurred by NHES. DCSS will reimburse NHES within five (5) working days of receipt of service notification.

E. NHES shall submit invoices for all incurred costs to DCSS on a monthly basis. All invoices shall be submitted to DCSS within thirty (30) business days of the end of the calendar month and shall contain sufficient detail to satisfy federal and state audit requirements. DCSS shall review each invoice for accuracy and shall reimburse NHES for its verified costs within ten (10) days after the invoice is submitted to DCSS.

ARTICLE VII

DURATION, TERMINATION AND ADDITIONAL TERMS

- A. This Agreement will commence upon execution subject to approval by the N.H. Governor and Council. The term of this Agreement is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 and shall continue thereafter year to year at the mutual agreement of both parties subject to available funds appropriated through the legislative biennial budget process and/or through subsequent Governor and Council action.
- B. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other.
- C. In the event changes in either State or Federal law or regulations occur which render performance hereunder illegal, void, impracticable, or impossible, this Agreement will terminate immediately. DCSS will reimburse NHES for all costs incurred under this Agreement within thirty (30) days of such termination.
- D. This Agreement may be modified in writing at any time by mutual consent of both NHES and DCSS.
- E. It is the responsibility of DCSS to take sufficient and timely action to prevent any and all causes that could occur to delay reimbursement for services including:
1. To insure sufficient appropriations are approved in advance through the legislative budget process and/or Governor and Council action and established in the NHF for expenditures and revenues for both DCSS and NHES.
 2. To insure sufficient funds are encumbered in advance through the Bureau of Accounts as required by the Department of Administrative Services.
- F. If DCSS or any official, employee or agent thereof fails to comply with any provision of this Agreement, including failure to promptly reimburse NHES in accordance with Article VI, the Agreement shall be suspended and no further actions to disclose information will be taken until NHES is satisfied that corrective action has been taken and there will be no further violation of the Agreement. If satisfactory corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) days of NHES becoming aware of the violation, this Agreement shall terminate and DCSS shall surrender to NHES all data and copies thereof, obtained under the Agreement and in its possession.
- G. If DCSS or any official, employee, or agent thereof fails to comply with the provision to promptly reimburse NHES in accordance with Article VI, and the Agreement or any portion thereof is suspended, the Agreement can be reinstated conditionally with the requirement that DCSS provides advance funding for service on an at least quarterly basis with further suspension of services whenever advances are depleted. Such advances shall be maintained separately by individual procedure type as distinguished by Articles III and IV.
- H. This Agreement is subject to approval by the N.H. Governor and the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VIII

LIAISON

A. To facilitate the performance of this Agreement, the following positions are designated as liaison between NHES and DCSS:

Jill Revels
Business Administrator III
Telephone: (603) 229-4449

-Or-

Dianne Carpenter
Director of Unemployment Compensation Bureau
New Hampshire Department of Employment Security
45 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301
Telephone: (603) 228-4031

And

Contracts Manager
Division of Child Support Services
Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
Telephone: (603) 223-4828

B. All notices, bills, paperwork or other communication from NHES to DCSS, in regards to this agreement shall be addressed and sent to:

Program Specialist IV
Division of Child Support Services
Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, by its Director, and the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, by its Commissioner, acting in their official capacity, have hereunto set their hands to this document on the day and year written below.

For: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services:

Mary Weatherill
Mary Weatherill, Director
New Hampshire Department of Health and
Human Services, Division of Child Support Services

06.16.15
Dated

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MERRIMACK, SS.

On this 16 day of June, 2015, personally appeared before me, Mary Weatherill, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, acting in her official capacity for and in behalf of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, and acknowledged that she signed the foregoing instrument for the purposes contained therein and to be her voluntary act and deed.

Before me,

Theresa M. Jones
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires:

THERESA M. JONES, Notary Public
My Commission Expires September 19, 2017

For: New Hampshire Department of
Employment Security

George N. Copadis
George N. Copadis, Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of
Employment Security

6/10/15
Dated

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MERRIMACK, SS.

On this 10th day of June, 2015, personally appeared before me, George N. Copadis, Commissioner of the Department of Employment Security, acting in his official capacity for and in behalf of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Employment Security, and acknowledged that he signed the foregoing instrument for the purposes contained therein and to be his voluntary act and deed.

Before me,

Shelby A. Dawson
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires:

SHELBY A. DAWSON, Notary Public
State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires October 2, 2018