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Joseph E. Ribsam, Jr.
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November 12, 2019

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

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200, I. D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth, and Families to pay the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (AAICAMA), 1133 19th St., NW, Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20036 (Vendor #170420 B001), the amount of \$6,500 for annual membership dues effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, 35% Federal funds, 65% General funds.

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<u>Class/Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Activity Code</u>	<u>SFY 2020</u>
026-500251	Organizational Dues	42105840	\$6,500

EXPLANATION

Approval of this request will enable the Department to continue its membership in AAICAMA. AAICAMA provides services to facilitate medical and supportive services for children who are eligible for adoption assistance by providing a forum for all fifty states for communication and the exchange of information.

States that passed legislation making the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) law in their states formed the Association of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (AAICAMA) to enhance the administration of the compact and strengthen protections for interstate adopted children or adopted children moving out of state.

AAICAMA is a nonprofit organization comprised of member states working with child welfare agencies, tribes, and adoptive parents to facilitate and support special needs adoption. AAICAMA facilitates the effective and efficient administration of the compact, addresses issues related to the provision of medical and post-adoption services across state lines, and works to develop and implement sound interstate policy and practice for children eligible for adoption assistance. Through AAICAMA, members work jointly with special needs to find ways to enhance adoption opportunities for children.

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?

This organization has been in existence since 1986. The Department has been a member since 1986.

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

No. AAICAMA is the only organization of this type.

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

All states are members. The NH Division for Children, Youth and Families is the only member for and from New Hampshire.

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

Standard fee for all states is the dues structure.

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

AAICAMA provides technical assistance to states and agencies on issues pertaining to the administration of the ICAMA. These issues include the provision of Medicaid to eligible children who move to or are placed in a new state, Title IV-E and state-funded adoption assistance, and the effect of new federal legislation on the administration of the compact.

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

Training is one of the services provided to members by AAICAMA. AAICAMA members work together in committees to effect practical changes in the day-to-day administration of the compact. AAICAMA regularly provides training to state staff. All trainings and materials are included in the annual membership.

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. Membership is not required. However, as a result of participation, NH DCYF has become aware of federal funds that are available for unique child welfare initiatives.

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.

The membership fee does not include the costs of any travel related to this organization.

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.

The Division has two representatives:

Joseph E. Ribsam, Director of the Division for Children, Youth and Families
Jennifer Gilroy, Permanency/Adoption Program Specialist

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

Should Governor and Council not approve this request, it would hinder the ability for the Department to facilitate medical and supportive services for New Hampshire children who are eligible for adoption assistance when they move out of state. It is the responsibility of the Department to promote practices and policies to ensure that all New Hampshire children who are eligible for adoption assistance receive uninterrupted supportive services in the state where they reside.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Meyers
Commissioner



The Association of Administrators of the
Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance, Inc.

October 31, 2019

Jennifer Gilroy, ICAMA Contact/Adoption Assistance Program
Division for Children, Youth and Families
Dept. of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant St.
Concord, NH 03301

INVOICE

January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020



*These dues are an allowable, title IV-E administrative costs subject to Federal Financial Participation (FFP).

TO:

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Division for Children, Youth and Families
Dept. of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant St.
Concord, NH 03301

New Hampshire AAICAMA Assessment for January 2020 – December 2020: \$6,500.00

Invoice Number: # 20NH1038

Payment Note: Please remit by check to the AAICAMA, information below.

Payment Methods
Check
Make check payable to: AAICAMA Association of the Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
Mail checks to: Attn: Sharon McCartney, Director, AAICAMA AAICAMA and CWLA Offices 727 Fifteenth Street NW, 12 th Floor Washington, DC 20005
Federal I.D. Number: 52-1479559