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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC), to pay annual dues to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), Chicago, IL, Vendor Number 168797, in the amount of \$6,000.00 for participation in the National Licensing Compact Administrators (NLCA) between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Agency Funds.

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the following account contingent upon approval of the future operating budget and continued appropriation of funding:

01-21-21-211010-240400000 DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION	<u>FY 2024</u>
026 - 500251 ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	6,000.00

EXPLANATION

The Board of Nursing is statutorily required, pursuant to RSA 326-B:46, to participate in the Nursing Compact Licensure Administrators (NCLA) as a multi-state compact licensing state. NCSBN is the only entity that provides access to participation in NLCA membership. Licenses issued by multi-state compact licensing states, including New Hampshire, are portable between participating states. If New Hampshire did not participate in NCLA, New Hampshire could not be a compact licensure state and access to licensed nurses could decrease statewide. Further, New Hampshire would not benefit from the public protection features associated with NCLA's licensing database, NURSYS.

Respectfully submitted,

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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?*

Nurse Compact Licensure Administrators (NCLA) was first implemented in Texas, Utah and Wisconsin in January of 2000. The New Hampshire Board of Nursing joined the NCLA in January of 2006.

2. *Is there any other organization that 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?*

32. The Board of Nursing, through the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, is the only New Hampshire state agency that is a member.

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

Standard fee for all participating states.

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

As the collective voice of nursing regulation in the United States, NCLA's work encompasses:

- Ensuring and encouraging cooperation of member states to hold each member state and nurse accountable.
- Promoting uniformity in regulation of nursing practice.
- Promoting uniform licensure requirements for nurses through the Nursing licensure Compact framework policy and procedures created and approved by Nursing Licensure Compact members.
- Providing greater mobility for nurses by eliminating duplicative costs associated with applications for multiple state licenses.
- Providing a forum for information exchange and problem solving for members regarding nurse licensee discipline for the 1.6 million nurses licensed within the compact states.
- Allowing Boards of Nursing that are members of the Nursing Licensure Compact to flag licensees who are under investigation through the Nursing Licensure Compact NURSUS system, which is viewable by all other Nursing Licensure Compact member state, which is a public protection feature that alerts the Boards of high-risk individuals.
- Providing opportunities for collaboration among members and other nursing and health care organizations, particularly in times of disaster.

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

Materials are provided and are included in the cost.

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.*

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.*

Yes. NCLA meets annually for a Delegate Assembly at locations within the U.S. There is also a mid-year conference at a location on the East Coast. These two conferences are attended by the Board Administrator who administratively supports the New Hampshire Board of Nursing. There is an annual Operations Conference in Chicago, IL, which is attended by two staff members who administrative support the New Hampshire board of Nursing.

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.)*

Staff who administratively support the Board of Nursing, as well as the members of the Board of Nursing are involved with this organization. The Board Members and the Board Administrator are voting members of the NCLA. The Board Administrator can also serve as a committee member or officer in the NCLA.

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

If New Hampshire did not participate in NCLA, New Hampshire could not be a compact state, as required by statute, which would result in access to licensed nurses decreasing statewide. Further, New Hampshire would not benefit from the public protection features associated with NCLA's licensing database, NURSYS.



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6/5/2023

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Service Address

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF NURSING

FY24 eNLC DUES 10/1/23 - 9/30/24

Charge Date	Charge Code	Description	Fixed Charge	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount	Sales Tax
6/5/2023	eNLC	OCT 1, 2023 - SEPT 30, 2024	\$6,000.00	0.00	0.000000	\$6,000.00	

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