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DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

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August 25, 2023

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I. D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Long Term Supports and Services, to retroactively pay the ADvancing States, Inc. (VC#169354-B001), Arlington, VA in the amount of \$12,235 for annual membership dues, effective retroactive to July 1, 2023 upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2024. 50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds.

05-95-48-481010-7872 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: ELDERLY AND ADULT SERVICES, GRANTS TO LOCALS, ADM ON AGING GRANTS

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2024	026-500251	Membership Fees	48130314	\$12,235.00
			Total	\$12,235.00

EXPLANATION

This request is **Retroactive** to allow the Department to pay the cost of our membership that began on July 1, 2023 with SFY 2024 appropriations. This request is retroactive because of the timing of receiving the invoice (dated 7/1/2023) for the service period of July 1st through June 30th. Approval of this request will enable the Department to continue the annual membership dues to the ADvancing States, Inc. for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Membership in the ADvancing States, Inc. 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 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?

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities has been in existence since 1964 (Now known as "ADvancing States". The Department of Health and Human Services has been a member since 1978.

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?

ADvancing States has memberships with 56 US states and territorial agency Directors with a focus in the areas of aging, disabilities and long-term services and supports. 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 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.

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.

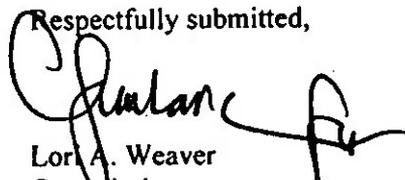
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Long Term Supports and Services Director, Melissa Hardy, is a voting member.

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

Advancing States 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Lor A. Weaver
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Advancing States
241 18TH ST S STE 403
Arlington, VA 22202
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Invoice #: INV1578
Invoice Date: 07/01/23
Amount Due: \$12,235.00

Bill To:

Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services
NH Dept. of Health & Human Services
105 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
United States

Due Date	Terms	P.O. Number
07/01/23	Upon Receipt	New Hampshire 2024

Description	Quantity	Price	Amount
FY2024 Advancing States Assessment - July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	1	\$12,235.00	\$12,235.00

New Hampshire Membership Dues, 2024

Subtotal:	\$12,235.00
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Total:	\$12,235.00
Payments:	\$0.00
Amount Due:	\$12,235.00

To pay online, go to <https://app02.us.bill.com/p/advancingstates>