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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 of Public Health Services, to pay Health Level Seven International (VC# 298119), Ann Arbor, MI in the amount of \$3,400 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, for the membership period of one year, beginning on the date the dues are paid. 53% Federal Funds and 47% General Funds.

Funding is available as follows:

05-95-90-900510-52620000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BUREAU OF INFORMATICS, INFORMATICS & HEALTH STATISTICS

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Job Number	Class Title	Total Amount
2024	026-500251	90000001	Memberships	\$3,400
			Total	\$3,400

EXPLANATION

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.

The Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) has implemented HL7 standards for the integration and retrieval of electronic health information, including reportable disease electronic laboratory reporting, electronic disease case surveillance, and blood lead laboratory messages. To modernize the health data system and provide quicker and more efficient health care data interoperability, DPHS is moving to HL7 FHIR. By joining HL7 International as a Gold Member, it will benefit DPHS to access HL7 standards and

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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, as well as data modernization efforts.

Listed below are answers to the 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?

Health Level Seven International was founded in 1987. New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has been a member of this organization since 2012.

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

Health Level Seven International created and updates the Health Level-7 (HL7) standard 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?

There are currently about 17 state health departments and more than 115 government/non-profit members that belong to this organization. The New Hampshire Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA) has been an active member since 2018. NH DVRA is currently not an Organizational Member.

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

Membership dues for Gold Membership are \$3,400 per year for states. Based on member benefits, there are two other Membership levels, Organizational Member (\$2,680 for states) and Benefactor (\$16,500 for states).

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

Benefits for Gold Members include the 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.

There are opportunities to receive and participate trainings, technical assistance, and capacity building. 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.

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.

There is no travel included with this membership.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are

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members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

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.

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,



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Balance Due \$3,400.00

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Items:

QTY	DESCRIPTION	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	TOTAL
1	Gold Membership	\$28,825.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
			Subtotal:	\$3,400.00
			Total:	\$3,400.00