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DIVISION OF MEDICAID SERVICES

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June 27, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid Services, to **retroactively** pay the National Association of Medicaid Directors (VC#219980), Washington, DC in the amount of \$10,018 for annual membership dues effective July 1, 2024, upon Governor and Council approval, whichever is later, for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Funding source: 50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds.

**05-95-47-470010-7937 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS
DEPT, HHS: DIVISION OF MEDICAID SERVICES, OFC MEDICAID SERVICES, MEDICAID
ADMINISTRATION**

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Job Number	Class Title	Total Amount
2025	026-500251	Organizational Dues	47000000	\$10,018

EXPLANATION

Approval of this request will enable the State to pay annual membership dues to National Association of Medicaid Directors for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. National Association of Medicaid Directors is a bipartisan, professional, nonprofit organization of state Medicaid agencies. It is a point of communication between the states and the federal government, and it provides pertinent information on the Medicaid program to states and Medicaid agencies.

This request is **retroactive** due to the invoice not being received from the vendor until June 25, 2024.

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 State Medicaid Directors was established in 1979 as an Affiliate of the American Public Human Services Association. In 2011 it was reorganized as the National

Association of Medicaid Directors to represent and support Medicaid Directors, and to focus exclusively on Medicaid support to the states. The Department has been a member since SFY 2004.

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?

Fifty (50) states, territories and the District of Columbia belong to National Association of Medicaid Directors. The Division of Medicaid Services is the sole agency that is a member for the State of New Hampshire.

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

The dues structure is based on population.

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

The State benefits from participating in the National Association of Medicaid Directors because it represents the bipartisan views of state Medicaid programs in federal policy processes; serves as a focal point of communication between the states and the federal government; provides an information network among the states on issues pertinent to the Medicaid program; provides rapid assessment of changes in federal policy and regulations; and leverages and promotes expertise across states to improve state Medicaid programs, policies, and operations. Membership provides the Department with informational and program resources which 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.

The National Association of Medicaid Directors produces briefs and conducts trainings via conference calls and webinars on specific aspects of federal policy or regulations. The cost is included in the membership.

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.

The National Association of Medicaid Directors sponsors two national meetings yearly. Historically, all travel related expenses have been covered by grants to the National Association of Medicaid Directors from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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.)

Henry D. Lipman, Medicaid Director, Department of Health & Human Services is a member, and serves on the organizations Finance Committee.

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

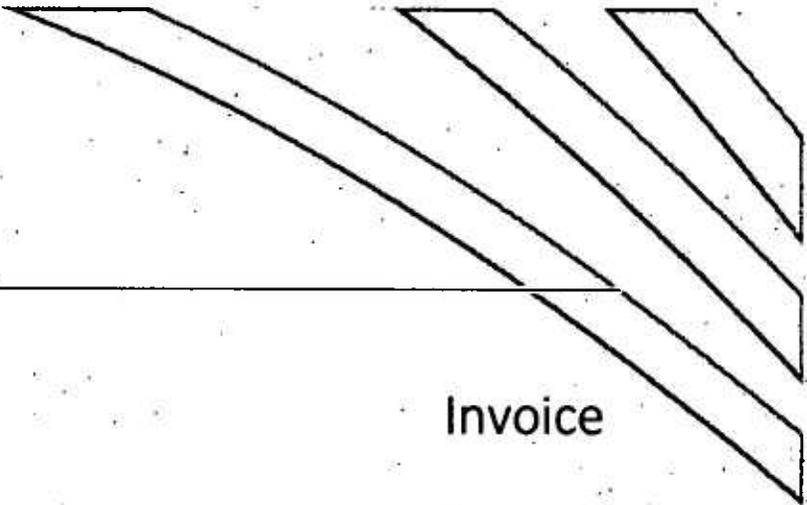
Should the Governor and Executive Council not approve this request, the Department would lose its primary point of contact with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Not having this point of contact would affect the Department's ability to respond to changes in federal regulations in a timely manner, and its ability to leverage other States' experiences administering the Medicaid program. Without this membership, the Department may not be able to promote and preserve New Hampshire's federal policy interests relative to grants and funding and may not have access to assistance with meeting the federal requirements to secure future funding, including block grant funding.

Respectfully submitted,


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NAMD
National Association of
Medicaid Directors



Invoice

REMIT TO:

**National Association of Medicaid
Directors**

NAMD

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INVOICE #FY25_NH
DATE: JUNE 27, 2024

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	PAYMENT TERMS
	Net 45 days

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
NAMD FY25 Membership Dues: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	\$10,018
TOTAL	\$10,018

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAID DIRECTORS

NAMD MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



This document describes the key member services your state or territory will receive upon renewing member dues. Please direct any questions to Karen Seaver Hill, director of member engagement, karen.hill@medicaiddirectors.org. Thank you.

ABOUT NAMDM

The National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMDM) is a professional community of state leaders who provide health insurance to more than 80 million individuals and families through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories. NAMDM elevates thought leadership on core and emerging policy matters, amplifies the experience and expertise of Medicaid and CHIP Directors, supports state programs in continuous improvement and innovation, and optimizes federal-state partnerships to help millions live their healthiest lives.

NAMDM Member Benefits At A Glance

LEADERSHIP SUPPORT



NAMDM underwrites **all travel and lodging expenses** for every state and territorial Medicaid director to attend two signature convenings annually – the Annual Membership Meeting each spring and the Fall Conference.



NAMDM supports **first year Medicaid Directors** with an intensive, year-long, cohort-based affinity group during their first year of service. It cultivates peer connections and emphasizes programmatic and leadership fundamentals.



Your Medicaid Director can participate in **meetings** with the Medicaid Directors in your geographic region. These conversations connect you with peers, support sharing of best practices and operational challenges, and help your state to scale solutions.



Your agency gets **any-time access to on-demand support** at no-cost, and no-procurement. This short-term guidance is provided to your state on a range of Medicaid-specific topics like overseeing managed care contracts, surviving a federal audit, or leading teams through change.

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NAMD MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



Your Medicaid agency has access to closed-door weekly **federal update calls with NAMD's federal policy team** on what's happening in DC. This includes real-time, unbiased, **expert analysis** by NAMD of new or proposed federal laws, regulations and policies, and rules from CMS.



NAMD staff engage with CMS, other key federal agency partners, and aligned Congressional committees to **elevate priorities and concerns of Medicaid agencies**. These relationships generate advance notice of legislation, rulemaking, and policy actions.



Your Medicaid agency gets access to **communications tools** – like talking points and Medicaid 101 explainers – that a Medicaid Director or communications director can use to educate state legislators, advocates, or other stakeholder groups about your Medicaid program.



NAMD provides surveys and data analysis on priority issues for Medicaid programs. This prevents states and territories from having to perform their own environmental scans and surveys.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Senior Medicaid agency leaders – including deputy directors, CFOs, CIOs, communications directors, eligibility directors, and others – can participate in NAMD discussion or affinity groups with their peers from other states. These **member-only forums** enable closely held, strategic, peer-to-peer learning and real-time communication.



NAMD offers a rich catalogue of **skills-building training** focused on both leadership and operational challenges faced by Medicaid Directors and their senior staff.



Your agency will also receive **tactical and time-bound peer networking and support** through the State Solutions learning series and Rapid Response peer surveying platform.

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