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March 7, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Hospital to make a **Retroactive** payment to the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute, Inc., Falls Church, VA (VC#177758) for continued participation in the Research Institute's Behavioral Healthcare Performance Measurement System in the amount of \$7,880, effective March 1, 2025, upon Governor and Council approval through February 28, 2026. Source of Funds: 88% General Funds and 12% Other.

Funds are available in the following account:

05-95-94-940010-8400 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Class Title	Job Number	Amount
SFY 2025	026-500251	Membership Fees	94012800	\$7,880.00

EXPLANATION

This request is **Retroactive** because the invoice for the membership was received after the expiration of the previous fiscal year membership. Approval of this request will enable New Hampshire Hospital's continued participation in the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute's Behavioral Healthcare Performance Measurement System for the period of March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026. Additionally, membership helps New Hampshire Hospital comply with federal quality reporting requirements. The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors is a not-for-profit organization representing the viewpoints and concerns of state mental health agencies to Congress, federal agencies and other national organizations by tracking legislation, leading collaborative efforts, initiating proposals to streamline and simplify federal mental health programs and regulations, and educating members of Congress about issues facing state mental health agencies.

In meeting requirements for accreditation, participation in the System uniquely provides New Hampshire Hospital the opportunity to compare its performance with other state-operated inpatient psychiatric facilities. By doing so, New Hampshire Hospital has the potential to identify more efficient methods, areas for cost savings and ways to improve the quality of its services.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and 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?
NASMHPD was founded in 1959, in its early days they maintained a research division that was reconstituted in 1987 as the NASMHPD Research Institute, Inc (NRI). In 1987 the Behavioral Healthcare Performance Measurement System was developed. New Hampshire Hospital has had a contractual relationship since 1999.
2. Is there any other organization, which 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?
New Hampshire Hospital is the sole NH state agency contracting with the System. Over 200 other hospitals and providers across 50 states and 4 territories are involved.
4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)
The Measurement System has a service fee that is standard for all participants.
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?
The membership aids in information management, access to nationally comparative data, education related to performance measures and an avenue for reporting measures as a requirement for Hospital accreditation which allows for Medicare/Medicaid billing.
6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.
Included in the fee are monthly educational calls, special reports, publications, and a suite of monthly measurement reports with Hospital specific and nationally comparative information.
7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.
An approved vendor is required to report hospital measures to The Joint Commission, the national accrediting body. The Hospital's accreditation allows for Medicare/Medicaid certification and billing.
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.
No
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.)
None
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

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Without this membership, New Hampshire would lose assistance in information management, access to nationally comparative data, education related to performance measures and an avenue for reporting Hospital performance measures as required for Hospital accreditation and related CMS certification.

Should Governor and Council deny this request, New Hampshire Hospital would be non-compliant with The Joint Commission's requirement for measurements and the Hospital may have less opportunity to identify and implement cost saving methods.

Area served: statewide.

Source of funds: 88% general funds and 12% other funds from agency fees and inter-departmental transfers.

In the event that other funds become no longer available, additional general funds will not be requested to support this membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

 for:

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner



NASMHPD RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Invoice Number: 6004.NHPUB.3398

Invoice Date: 03/01/2025

Bill To:

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOSPITAL
ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
36 CLINTON STREET
CONCORD, NH 03301

Remit To:

NASMHPD RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.
3141 FAIRVIEW PARK DR, STE 650
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

Customer Number: NHORYX
Project Number: 106004.NH0.PUB
Project Name: BHPMS.NEW HAMPSHIRE-PUBLIC
Terms: NET 30
Due Date: 03/31/2025

Billing Period From:03/01/2025
To:02/28/2026

Annual BHPMS Services

Current
Amount

\$7,880.00

Invoice Total

\$7,880.00

Please include the invoice number on the check slip or the ACH payment addenda to ensure payment is applied to the correct invoice. Thank you.

For questions about this invoice, please contact Ling Eng at 703-738-8173 or ling.eng@nri-inc.org.

PLEASE REFER TO INVOICE NUMBER ABOVE IN ANY FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE.

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