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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I. D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health to **retroactively** pay the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (VC#216301-B001), Washington, DC in the amount of \$7,560 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. 100% Federal Funds.

05-95-90-902010-5190-HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIV, BUREAU OF FAMILY HEALTH AND NUTRITION, MATERNAL- CHILD HEALTH

| State Fiscal Year | Class / Account | Job Number | Class Title | Total Amount |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 2026 | 026-500251 | 90004009 | Organizational Dues | \$3,780 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | | | | \$3,780 |

05-95-93-930510-3676 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: FAMILY CENTERED SVCS, SPECIAL MEDICAL SERVICES

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EXPLANATION

This item is **Retroactive** because the membership invoice was sent to the previous New Hampshire Title V Director who retired earlier this year. The invoice did not reach current staff until late September.

Approval of this request will enable the State to continue its membership with the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP). As a nationally recognized leader in maternal and child health (MCH) program and policy expertise, AMCHP offers a unique platform that aligns with the Department's mission to improve the health and well-being of women, children, youth, and families. Membership in AMCHP strengthens the New Hampshire Title V program by enhancing its capacity to design, implement, and evaluate effective public health interventions through access to evidence-based tools, technical assistance, and data-driven resources. Membership supports workforce development through leadership training opportunities, peer learning, and access to national conferences, which strengthen staff skills and retention. Additionally, participation in AMCHP enables New Hampshire to contribute to and stay informed about national MCH policy. The organization's advocacy ensures awareness of and access to information on evolving federal priorities and funding opportunities.

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 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) has been in existence since 1987. The Department has been a member since its founding.

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 NH state agency that is a member?

All 50 states belong to AMCHP. The Department is the only New Hampshire 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.)

AMCHP dues are a standard fee based on state population.

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

Members benefit from a wide array of publications, toolkits, and technical assistance that support evidence-based decision making and program implementation. These include planning tools like Capacity Assessment for Title V (CAST-5), issue briefs on emerging health topics, and data-driven frameworks that help assess and improve service delivery for mothers, children, and families. This level of support significantly enhances Department capacity to design and evaluate effective public health interventions. For example, AMCHP offers training sessions, webinars, and workshops on evaluation design, logic models, data interpretation, and continuous quality improvement (CQI). These resources help build in-house expertise for the Department, reducing reliance on external evaluators and promoting sustainability in New Hampshire's MCH program.

Membership also provides extensive opportunities for professional development and networking through national conferences, leadership development opportunities, and peer learning communities. These platforms foster collaboration, innovation, and shared learning across jurisdictions, enabling the New Hampshire Title V program to stay at the forefront of public health practice. Participation in AMCHP's committees and workgroups also allows New Hampshire staff to contribute to national conversations that influence the direction of MCH policy and practice.

AMCHP also offers robust policy advocacy on behalf of its members. The organization plays a vital role in shaping national health policy by representing state and territorial MCH programs before Congress and federal agencies. Through legislative updates, policy calls, and strategic briefings, AMCHP ensures that its members are informed and engaged in the policymaking process. This advocacy is particularly valuable given evolving federal and state health priorities and funding opportunities.

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

The New Hampshire Title V Program, which consists of the Department's MCH Section and Bureau for Family Centered Services, receives training opportunities and resources on emerging trends and topics of interest such as bridging state and community partnerships, policy and partnership town halls, and aligning prenatal-to-(age) three systems for impact. Additionally, AMCHP provides opportunities for training and workforce development for its members. For example, AMCHP offers yearly Leadership Lab opportunities for Title V staff to accelerate their professional development in MCH leadership competencies. These year-long cohorts are available to multiple DHHS staff in the Title V program. This past year, the New Hampshire Title V Director completed the Management Accelerator Cohort, providing resources and peer-to-peer learning opportunities, that supported her transition to this new role. In addition, AMCHP offers an "Innovation Hub" via an online database that provides MCH professionals with resources and tools to explore, build, and share evidence-based work that contributes to improving the health and well-being of MCH populations and their communities.

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.

No. Membership fees do not support travel for members. There are separate federal grant funds that support travel for AMCHP meetings for members, including the Title V MCH Block Grant. AMCHP members receive a significantly discounted registration fee for the Annual AMCHP Conference which New Hampshire Title V staff attend every year.

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.)

Erica Tenney, NH Title V Director, Maternal and Child Health Section Chief, Member.

Deirdre Dunn Tierney, NH Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Director, Family-Centered Services Bureau Chief, Member.

MCH Data Scientist (currently vacant), Maternal and Child Health Section, Member.

Erika Downie, CSHCN Data Coordinator, Bureau for Family-Centered Services, Member.

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 authorize this request, the Department would lose access to a range of critical, non-replicable services provided through AMCHP membership. These include tailored technical assistance on Title V program implementation, participation in national learning collaboratives, and timely policy analysis that informs New Hampshire's response to federal funding and regulatory changes. Additionally, the Department would no longer receive

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access to AMCHP's specialized maternal and child health workforce development and leadership training programs which are not available internally or through other free channels. Without membership, the Department would need to procure equivalent expertise and training through external consultants or contractors to meet federal Title V requirements and maintain program performance. The cost of doing so would exceed the membership fee and delay access to vital supports that ensure New Hampshire remains aligned with national standards and competitive for funding opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lori A. Weaver", is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner



Invoice

AMCHP

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Bill to

Rhonda Siegel
New Hampshire Department of
Health and Human Services
107 North Main Street, # 208
Concord, NH 03301
United States

Invoice number AMCHPINV-1115**Invoice date** June 17, 2025**Due date** October 1, 2025**Total** \$7,560.00

| PRODUCTS & SERVICES | QTY | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT |
|--|-----|------------|------------|
| FY26 AMCHP Membership - State & Territorial - Less Than 2 Million | 1 | \$7,560.00 | \$7,560.00 |

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| Subtotal | \$7,560.00 |
| Total | \$7,560.00 |

Comments

Designate your Delegates: Once you submit your Membership Dues payment you will be given an opportunity to designate your Membership Delegates.

- Your state/territory membership includes up to **five** delegate positions.
- One of the five delegates **must** be a family leader.
- Additional staff can be added as Individual Regular Title V Members for \$195 per person.
- See the descriptions of membership categories for information about benefits for different types of members: <https://amchp.org/member-benefits/>

For more information contact Nikeisha Ogletree at nogletree@amchp.org.

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All fees are listed in USD and are subject to sales tax (as applicable).