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DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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May 12, 2026

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 pay the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (VC#168523), Arlington, Virginia, in the amount of \$22,770 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, for the membership period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. 56% Federal Funds; 40% General Funds; 4% Other Funds-Fees.

Funds are anticipated to be available in the following account for State Fiscal Year 2027, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operation budget.

05-95-90-900010-51100000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Job Number	Class Title	Total Amount
2027	026-500251	90072000	Organizational Dues	\$22,770
Total				\$22,770

EXPLANATION

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is a national nonprofit organization representing state public health agencies. Their mission is to assist state health departments in the development and implementation of programs and policies to promote health and prevent disease and to support state coordination and policy development with federal partners. Participation in ASTHO provides Department leaders with timely information on federal health policy, including legislative activity and funding opportunities, public health topics of immediate interest such as infectious disease threats and emerging health trends, and a forum for engaging national peers regarding opportunities for collaboration and shared learning. The organization provides critical updates to members on a recurring and as-needed basis regarding state and federal public health activities and public health topics for immediate attention.

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 ASTHO was incorporated in 1942, and the Department of Health and Human Services has been associated with this organization since its creation.

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?

All 50 States, 6 U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health is the only state agency that is a member of the ASTHO.

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

The ASTHO membership dues structure is based on population, using data from the United States Census Bureau.

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

The ASTHO provides staff to advocate in Washington, DC for national issues of public health significance and provides timely briefings to state health officials on congressional activities, non-partisan advocacy on public health issues such as funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, immunization, maternal and child health, and infectious and chronic diseases. More than half of the Department's Division of Public Health operating budget comes from federal sources, therefore, the Department's participation with the ASTHO is vital to maintaining the Department's ability to continue receiving federal grants and funding for dozens of health programs.

Department staff participate in over 350 hours of training, technical assistance, and support activities with colleagues and ASTHO staff annually. This includes live calls, webinars, and access to national resource databases related to emerging health topics, public health best practices, and skill and relationship development. In addition, Public Health and the Department receive access to emergency plans, policy documents, federal budget information (pertaining to grant allocations), and other resources through ASTHO. Topics engaged through ASTHO include emergency preparedness, environmental health, food safety, maternal and child health, infectious disease control, and data and informatics. The ASTHO advocates for the inclusion of health promotion and disease prevention in health care discussions at the national level. They are instrumental in bringing the federal government consolidated information from the states regarding successful implementation of population-based health activities and related impacts on quality of health care delivery and costs. The ASTHO provides resources and technical support to assist the Department in various operational aspects including consultation on financing, organization, workforce development, and how best to use information technology to achieve programmatic goals at a reasonable cost.

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

The Department receives numerous educational and research materials from the ASTHO, and the cost is included in the membership. Federal grants received by the ASTHO provide the states with training and development.

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7. Is the membership required in order to receive any federal grants or to 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 ASTHO covers all costs for the Director and other staff members of the Division of Public Health to attend meetings throughout the year.

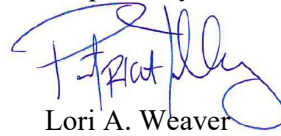
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

Iain Watt, Director of the Division of Public Health is the member for the 2026-2027 membership period.

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 the ASTHO, the Department would lose access to information, training, and advocacy for policy and funding at the federal level. This information provides the Department with an array of evidence-based and quality practices that lead to better health outcomes for the population of New Hampshire. The Department would need to replicate information gathering and best practice sharing with individual state and federal health agencies on an array of health topics to maintain current emergency readiness and functional health protection capabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,



for:

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner



Invoice

Invoice Number: 108018
Invoice Date: 7/1/2026
Customer Contract Nbr: N/A
Contract Desc: NH001 New Hampshire Dept Of Health & Human Svcs
Due Date: 7/31/2026
Billing Thru: 7/1/2026
Purchase Order: N/A
Voucher ID: 7

REMIT TO:

ASTHO
 2461 South Clark St, Suite 200
 Arlington, VA 22202

BILL TO:

New Hampshire Dept Of Health & Human Svcs.
 Director, Division of Public Health Service
 29 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH 03301-6503
 Attn: Christine Bisson

Thank you for your membership. Below please find the invoice for membership this coming year.

For any questions, please email accountsreceivable@astho.org or executiveoffice@astho.org.

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT AMOUNT
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NH001 New Hampshire Dept Of Health & Human Svcs	
Milestone Schedule	\$22,770.00
NH001 New Hampshire Dept Of Health & Human Svcs Total:	\$22,770.00

VIA ACH:	VIA CHECK:
Name on Bank Account: Association of State & Territorial Health Officials	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Bank Account Number: 2030000009286 Checking	2461 S. Clark St., Suite 200 Arlington VA 22202
Checking or Savings Account: 054001220	Attn: Membership Dues
ABA Routing Number: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	
Receiving Bank Name: Tyson's Plaza	
Branch Location: 1753 Pinnacle Drive McLean, VA	
Branch Address: 22102	

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