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DIVISION OF MEDICAID SERVICES

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May 28, 2026

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, Division of Medicaid Services, to pay the Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association (VC#225831-B001), Sandwich, MA in the amount of \$4,200 for annual membership dues effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Funding source: 75% Federal Funds, 25% 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
2027	026-500251	Organizational Dues	47000140	\$4,200

EXPLANATION

Approval of this request enables the State to further strengthen the quality and cost management of the children and adult dental programs through the continuing education, training and technical assistance for personnel responsible for Medicaid clinical policy and administration.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions.

- How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

The Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association (MSDA) is a national membership non-profit corporation, organized under the California Secretary of State in May 2004 as a 501 c3. MSDA represents all State Medicaid and CHIP dental programs, directors and staff, was founded in Los Angeles, California, at a meeting for Medicaid representatives. The Department has been a member for 19 years.

- 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 fifty (50) states and the District of Columbia belong to Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association. 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.)

The Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association dues are a standard fee based on State population.

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

- Legislative Updates including e-mail action alerts on critical Medicaid dental program issues, monthly policy calls, and resources on Medicaid and/or Dental-related legislation.
- Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association Member Listserv access for exclusive Member communication.
- Leadership Opportunities - serve on committees and participate in conference calls with peers from your region to share best practices and tackle difficult issues.
- Representation of the Department's interests before Congress and federal agencies. The Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association also advocates for a wide spectrum of issues impacting Medicaid and CHIP dental programs and beneficiaries.
- Access to Staff Experts including specialists in Medicaid, CHIP, Managed Care and Accountable Care contracting, policy design, fraud, waste and abuse, waivers, data, quality measurement and improvement and value-based purchasing.
- Technical Assistance for state or local health programs through Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association's technical assistance initiatives and skills-building programs.
- Tools & Handbooks that assist with building, administering, and evaluating successful programs.
- Members have the opportunity to share innovative promising and value-based practices with the Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association community. In turn, you can learn about effective programs from across the country.

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

Yes. A benefit of membership is receiving numerous educational and research materials, including live webinars with question-and-answer capabilities with leading oral health experts, on emerging trends and topics of interest.

7. Is the membership required 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.

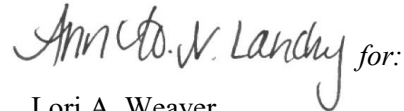
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

Barry Chang DDS, Dental Director, Division of Medicaid Services, will be the representative from New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services in the organization's membership.

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 may incur costs that exceed the cost of membership. Not continuing Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association membership may result in agency gaps in education, training and technical assistance for personnel responsibility for Medicaid/CHIP Dental Program policy and administration.

Respectfully Submitted,

 for:

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner

INVOICE

DATE: May 7, 2026

FY 2027 Membership Dues

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

INVOICE No: 2027-NH_1

Name State Agency	New Hampshire DHHS Division of Medicaid Services (Medicaid Dental Program)
Address	129 Pleasant Street
City, State, Zip	Concord, NH 03301
Primary Dental Program Director	
Email	Michele.L.Looney@dhhs.nh.gov ; Barry.HK.Chang@dhhs.nh.gov Olivia.L.May@dhhs.nh.gov
Services	MSDA Membership Dues Includes up to 8 Affiliate Members

Member Type	Member Tier 1	Total Dues	State	Federal Administrative Match
State Medicaid/CHIP Dental Program	<500,000 EPSDT Enrollment	\$4,200	\$1,050	\$3,150
Your State	181,309 (2024)	\$4,200	\$1,050	\$3,150

Amount Due: **\$4,200**

Remit Payment to: **MEDICAID | MEDICARE | CHIP Services Dental Association (MSDA)**
 2 Grove Street
 Sandwich, Massachusetts 02563-1024

Note: To pay by credit card or online, contact Mary Foley directly at 508-322-0557

Enclosed is the MSDA Dues INVOICE. Please note that membership tiers for **MSDA State Agency Membership Dues** are based on the most recent annual EPSDT Enrollment as reported on the CMS Form 416 Report.

Tier	EPSDT Population	Dues
1	< 500,000	\$4,200
2	500,000 to < 1,200,000	\$5,200
3	1,200,000 – <2,000,000	\$6,400
4	2,000,000+	\$7,500

Membership will include up to eight (8) Affiliate Members employed by the State Agency that oversees the Medicaid and/or CHIP Programs. Affiliates may be representatives from the Medicaid/CHIP dental program(s), program integrity, data, managed care, and other agency employed personnel. [Medicaid and CHIP contract vendors are not considered agency employees.]

Note: This dues model was adapted from the one currently used by **the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) that incorporates in the total amount due, federal administrative match support.**

Attached to this letter is your **State Invoice** along with a **Fact Sheet** that details MSDA’s organizational priorities; State Member Benefits; and Justification for Tiered Dues Structure. **Membership Dues are payable on or before September 30th.**

Questions regarding the attached Invoice may be directed to: Mary Foley at mfoley@medicaiddental.org or by calling 508-322-0557.

The MSDA Board of Directors and staff look forward to working with you in this next fiscal year to advance the quality and value of your programs and improve the oral health of all of your program beneficiaries.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Foley
Executive Director

Annual Dues

Organization Priorities

- Represent the non-partisan views of state Medicaid Dental Programs in the federal policy process;
- Serve as a central point for communication and linkages between the states, vendors, the federal government, providers, and other key stakeholders;
- Collect, validate, and publish *reliable* State Dental Program data and information annually;
- Provide information and technical assistance via networking and training to program personnel on pertinent and emerging Medicaid Dental Program issues;
- Support Dental Program administrators and staff in effectively administering value- and quality- based Medicaid programs;
- Leverage and promote expertise across states to improve state Medicaid program, policies, and operations.

Membership Benefits

- Legislative Updates - e-mail action alerts on critical Medicaid dental program issues, monthly policy calls, and resources on Medicaid and/or Dental-related legislation.
- FREE Participation in MSDA State Medicaid Learning Collaboratives
- MSDA Member Listserv access for exclusive Member communication.
- Leadership Opportunities - serve on committees and participate in conference calls with peers from your region to share best practices and tackle difficult issues.
- Representation and Advocacy - MSDA represents your interests before Congress and federal agencies. We advocate for a wide spectrum of issues impacting Medicaid and CHIP dental programs and beneficiaries.
- Access to Staff Experts - specialists in Medicaid, CHIP, Managed Care and Accountable Care contracting, policy design, fraud, waste and abuse, waivers, data, quality measurement and improvement and value-based purchasing.
- Technical Assistance - build the capacity of your state or local health programs through MSDA's technical assistance initiatives and skills-building programs.
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Dues Justification

- Fills Agency gaps in education, training, and technical assistance for personnel responsible for Medicaid/CHIP Dental Program policy and administration
- Supports State Agency and Medicaid/CHIP Dental Programs at Federal level
- Advocates at national levels for policy, recommendations, guidelines that support Medicaid/CHIP Agency and Dental Program administration and services
- Supports State Agency's federal obligations, as well as program and beneficiary responsibilities

State Precedent

- Mirrors other organizational dues paid by States for personnel education, advocacy, and support services

• Organization Full Name	Organization	FY2022 Annual Dues
National Association of Medicaid Directors	NAMD	\$956,192
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs	AMCHP	\$544,616
National Governor's Association	NGA	\$340,253
Association of State and Territorial Health Officers	ASTHO	1,658.340

Registration Form



MSDA Membership Dues

State Member: _____

Program Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Email: _____

State Member Registration: Include up to 8 Affiliate Members

	Affiliate Name(s)	Title	Email
1			
2			
3			
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