

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

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June 16, 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 Long Term Supports and Services, to **retroactively** pay ADvancing States (VC#169354-B001), Arlington, VA, in the amount of \$13,591 for annual membership dues, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 48% Federal Funds. 52% General Funds.

05-95-48-481010-78720000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT, HHS: DLTSS-BUR ADULT & AGING, GRANTS FOR SOCIAL SVC PROG, ADM ON AGING

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2027	026-500251	Organizational Dues	48130314	\$13,591.00
Total				\$13,591.00

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because the timing of when the invoice was received and when the item was developed did not align with the Governor and Council submission schedule, which prevented an earlier submission. Membership in ADvancing States benefits the Department of Health and Human Services and the State of New Hampshire in its provision of various services relating to aging, disability and caregiving issues. Membership services include representation, policy analysis, information, brokering of resources, consultation, training and promotion.

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?

ADvancing States (formerly the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities) has been in existence since 1964. The Department of Health and Human Services has been a member since 1978.

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?

ADvancing States has memberships with 56 U.S. states and territories with a focus in the areas of aging, disabilities and long-term services and supports. No other New Hampshire state agencies are members of this association.

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

A standard fee for membership is established for all states.

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

Membership provides technical assistance in policy development and program implementation, federal legislative and regulatory updates, access to national survey data and state practices, research support, and advocacy related to aging, disability, Medicaid, and long-term services and supports programs.

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

Yes. Membership includes access to reports, surveys, studies, webinars, policy updates, and members-only technical resources related to aging, disability, Medicaid, and long-term services and supports. The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities also conducts research on behalf of a member State on budget or programmatic issues by polling the other members.

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.

Travel is usually not included in the membership fee, although the organization does provide some meals associated with meetings, which are usually held twice a year in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. area. Meetings are held to conduct policy briefings, introduce new program initiatives related to Medicaid, aging and disabilities, technical assistance, and to formulate recommendations for federal legislation impacting these areas. Due to fiscal constraints, Department staff have not attended these meetings in recent years.

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.)

Division of Long Term Supports and Services Director Melissa Hardy serves as the Department's voting member.

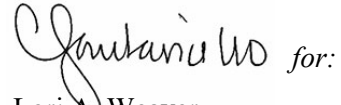
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

ADvancing States is the only national organization that encompasses and promotes the issues of aging and disability. If the Department did not belong, New Hampshire would not have a voice at the table to communicate the viewpoints and concerns of the state's aging and disability populations to Congress, federal agencies and other national organizations. It would severely limit the state's ability to lead the

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State's efforts for New Hampshire's older adults and people with disabilities, join in collaborative efforts with other states, and bring about efforts to streamline and simplify aging and disability programs and regulations. In addition, it would deprive New Hampshire of a valuable resource for current knowledge in Medicaid, aging, disability and related fields, as well as technical assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori A. Weaver", followed by the word "for:".

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner



Invoice

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ADvancing States

Bill to Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services NH
Dept. of Health & Human Services
105 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

P.O. number New Hampshire Dues 2027

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Invoice INV3045
Date Jul 1, 2026
Terms Due upon receipt
Due date Jul 1, 2026
Amount due \$13,591.00

Item name	Quantity	Price	Amount
New Hampshire Membership Dues, 2027 FY2027 ADvancing States Assessment - July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	1	\$13,591.00	\$13,591.00

Subtotal \$13,591.00
Total \$13,591.00
Paid \$0.00

Amount due \$13,591.00

Use this link to pay online: <https://app02.us.bill.com/p/advancingstates>

Notes

New Hampshire Membership Dues, 2027
FY2027 ADvancing States Assessment - July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, please email accounting@advancingstates.org. Thank you!