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July 30, 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 the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) (Vendor #203264-B001), Alexandria, Virginia, in the amount of \$10,000 for annual membership dues, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 effective upon Governor and Council approval. 52% General Funds and 48% Federal Funds.

05-95-93-9300010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DLTSS-DEVELOPMENTAL SVCS, DIV OF DEVELOPMENTAL SVCS, PROGRAM SUPPORT

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Job Number	Class Title	Total Amount
2027	026-500251	93000001	Organizational Dues	\$10,000
Total				\$10,000

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because membership coverage commenced on July 1, 2026. The timing of the invoice's receipt and the time required for item development prevented an earlier submission. NASDDDS is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to state developmental services agencies to promote and develop effective, efficient service delivery systems that furnish high-quality supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. NASDDDS works with federal agencies and other national organizations by tracking legislation, leading collaborative efforts, initiating proposals to streamline and simplify federal programs and regulations, and educating members of Congress about issues facing state developmental services agencies. It also provides opportunities for state agencies to learn from each other about evidence-based practices and emerging models of care.

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 National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services was formed in 1964. New Hampshire has been a member since 1964.

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, Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the District of Columbia belong to the organization. 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.)

The NASDDDS' dues structure is based on the University of Colorado's State of the States project, which collects information from the states every two years on their expenditures for services and supports within the intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) system.

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

NASDDDS supports New Hampshire through:

- One on one technical assistance
- Federal policy development and partner interactions
- Director and leadership calls providing in-depth, real-time information
- Facilitation of peer-to-peer learning opportunities
- Topical briefs and tools
- Publications highlighting best and emerging practices
- Federal policy updates

The NASDDDS team has provided targeted and timely information to aid New Hampshire with the provision of services and supports and serves as a trusted resource to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to inform its policies surrounding long-term services and supports. In addition, NASDDDS provided New Hampshire with guidance and technical assistance as it came into compliance with Conflict of Interest and Direct Bill requirements.

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

The cost of technical assistance and training is included in the membership. NASDDDS provides an array of high-quality training and technical assistance to states to ensure access to best practices and provides the most current knowledge in developmental services-related fields. Information dissemination to state agencies includes:

- NASDDDS ListServ (nasddds@peach.ease.lsoft.com) -- The association's ListServ supports direct, interactive communications between and among member state agency officials. Member agency officials often query their colleagues in other states before launching a new policy or programmatic initiative in order to learn from the experiences of other states.
- Electronic Bulletin Series: *Federal News Briefs* and *State News Briefs* -- *Federal News Briefs* - a weekly digest about national policy developments and *State News Briefs* - a bi-weekly digest that covers state policy and program initiatives.
- Electronic Monthly Newsletters

- *Federal Perspectives* - a summary of national policy developments from bills pending in Congress, changes in federal policies, and trends in federal-state relations.
- *Community Services Reporter* - the only newsletter in the country reporting exclusively on state and local policy and programmatic initiatives.
- Directors Alert Bulletin (DAB) and Policy Advisory Bulletins (PAB) -- Highlights policy developments including federal court rulings, pending and recently enacted Congressional legislation and new executive branch regulations and guidelines. PABs examine in-depth, particularly complex areas of federal-state policy impinging on the provision of publicly funded services and supports to people with developmental disabilities.
- Special Publications -- NASDDDS publishes reports on cutting-edge issues. Examples include: Medicaid and Case Management for People with Disabilities: Structure, Practice, Issues (Third Edition); Shared Living Guide; and Caring Families: Paying Family Caregivers - Families Giving Care: Using Medicaid to Pay Relatives Providing Support to Family Members with Disabilities. Member agencies receive a copy of each publication upon its release. Additional copies may be purchased. A complete listing of available NASDDDS publications is at www.nasddds.org.
- National Conferences -- NASDDDS conferences are held in November and June each year. While open to the public, the focus of NASDDDS conferences is exclusively on issues, developments, programs, and new ideas of interest to state Developmental Disabilities agency officials. Each conference includes a day-long Directors Forum for directors and their designated staff, closed to the public.

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.

This membership does not include any travel.

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.)

All staff members of state intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) agencies are welcome to participate in association activities and receive organizational services. Voting members of NASDDDS are limited to the chief intellectual/developmental disabilities official in each member state and territory. The following employees have regular contact and engagement with NASDDDS:

- Melissa Hardy, Director, Division of Long Term Supports and Services (NASDDDS Voting Member)
- Jessica Gorton, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Developmental Services
- Laurie Vachon, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Long Term Supports and Services
- Christine Santaniello, Associate Commissioner
- Abigail Conger, Administrator of Operations, Bureau of Developmental Services
- Lindsey Magee, Administrator of HCBS Waivers, Bureau of Developmental Services

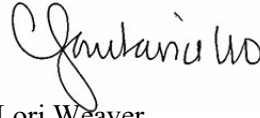
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

New Hampshire would be the only state or territory that is not a member of this organization. Consequently, New Hampshire would not have a voice at the table to communicate the viewpoints and

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concerns of our state developmental services system to Congress, federal agencies and other national organizations. It would severely limit the State's ability to affect national legislation in the developmental services field, join in collaborative efforts with other states, and bring about efforts to streamline and simplify federal developmental services programs and regulations. In addition, it would deprive New Hampshire of a valuable resource for current knowledge in developmental services and related fields, as well as technical assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Weaver".

For:

Lori Weaver
Commissioner

National Association of State
Directors of Developmental
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Invoice

Invoice	FY27 MEM - New Hampshire
Date	May 8, 2026
Terms	Net 30
Due Date	Jun 7, 2026
Amount due	\$10,000.00

Bill to Melissa Hardy
Director
Division of Long Term Supports and Services
105 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Item name	Amount
FY27 Membership	\$10,000.00
NASDDDS Membership	
Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	

Subtotal	\$10,000.00
Total	\$10,000.00
Paid	\$0.00

Amount due \$10,000.00

Use this link to pay online: <https://app01.us.bill.com/p/00801HARKUCLSLP2idrr>

Notes
Please reach out to Megan Rose (mrose@nasddds.org) with questions.

- Payment options:
- 1. Use the link in the email to pay electronically (PREFERRED).
 - To pay by credit card, there is a 2.9% convenience fee.

- To pay by ACH (bank transfer), there is no fee.

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2. Mail check payable to our lockbox:

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