



Maternal and Child Health Bureau

March 15, 2016

Dear Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives (ASTHVI) Steering Committee:

Thank you for your inquiry seeking guidance on the use of Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant funds for payment of ASTHVI membership dues.

Dues or membership fees are allowable to the extent described in the the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Grants Policy Statement (GPS), as follows:

[A]llowable as an indirect cost for organizational membership in business, professional, or technical organizations or societies. Payment of dues or membership fees for an individual's membership in a professional or technical organization is allowable as a fringe benefit or an employee development cost, if paid according to an established organizational policy consistently applied regardless of the source of funds.

(HHS GPS, (page II-33).

Please see the following link for the HHS GPS, which is incorporated by reference into all grants awarded by HRSA, including MIECHV program grants:

<http://www.hhs.gov/asfr/ogapa/aboutog/hhsgps107.pdf>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Willis", written over a light blue rectangular background.

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and Early Childhood Systems