

BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

2016 New Hampshire Public Policy Principles & Priorities

Public Policy Principles

Bi-State has a steadfast commitment to improving the health status of New Hampshire residents. We work to ensure that all individuals have access to appropriate, high-quality primary and preventive medical, behavioral and oral health care, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

Bi-State strives to educate policymakers, non-profit leaders, and the business community of the value provided by our members. We accomplish our goals by partnering with the state, health care providers, and business stakeholders. Bi-State supports investments that promote public health through comprehensive primary and preventive care, lower prescription drug prices, and efficiencies in New Hampshire's health care system because proper access to primary and preventative care reduces the need for higher-cost interventions.

Public Policy Priorities

- Promote and support the reauthorization of the New Hampshire Health Protection Program to ensure health care coverage for the uninsured
- Increase state support for primary and preventive care services for the underinsured and underserved areas
- Optimize state resources to address the increasing health care needs of New Hampshire residents by eliminating funding silos
- Promote and support an increase in the investment in health care workforce development and recruitment in underserved areas
- Improve access to oral health services for New Hampshire's residents
- Strengthen and expand the medical home model, including the integration of oral health, behavioral health, and substance use prevention and treatment services in the primary care setting
- Promote the integration of care by facilitating relationships amongst all health care providers and policymakers
- Sustain culturally and linguistically competent care to ensure all residents equal access to primary and preventive care
- Assure systemic enhancement of quality of care through health information technology, case management, disease management, and evidence-based best practices of care

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