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BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION URGES THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS ON CRUCIAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE LEGISLATION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – (Nov. 20, 2013) – The Governor, the House of Representatives, and the Senate worked tirelessly over the last year to craft a New Hampshire-specific solution to our state’s health care crisis. Compromises were made on both sides and both sides agreed to offer premium assistance programs to low-income families. If favorable negotiations continue, an estimated 58,000 New Hampshire residents will have access to crucial health care coverage. Bi-State Primary Care Association and its members urge the Governor and the Legislature to continue negotiations on the largest reform to our state’s health care system in recent history.

As providers of primary and preventive care to over 100,000 New Hampshire residents, New Hampshire’s Community Health Centers see the benefits of health care coverage in their patients daily. Patients with health care coverage are better able to manage chronic conditions, have increased access to low-cost prescription medicine, and are less likely to declare bankruptcy due to health care expenses. Long-term costs are reduced for providers, the state, and most importantly, our residents.

New Hampshire has the opportunity to transform how our low-income families access health care. We have the opportunity to improve the lives of our neighbors, our friends, and our families. We urge the Governor and the Legislature to continue in earnest to work together on a New Hampshire-specific solution to better the lives of our New Hampshire citizens.

Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving New Hampshire and Vermont, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in 1986 that works with federal, state, and regional health policy organizations, foundations, and payers to develop strategies, policies, and programs that provide and support community-based primary health care services in medically underserved areas. To find a health center in New Hampshire or to learn more, visit: www.bistatepca.org.

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