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New Hampshire Celebrates National Health Center Week 2013

August 12, 2013 – Bi-State Primary Care Association and NH Community Health Centers will celebrate National Health Center Week (Aug. 11-17) with free community events designed to raise awareness of the wide range of innovative health care services available at Community Health Centers statewide. Governor Hassan has issued a [Governor's Proclamation](#) to officially recognize National Health Center Week in New Hampshire. The governor will present the proclamation to Bi-State Primary Care Association on August 14, 10:15 AM, in the main lobby of Concord Hospital.

[New Hampshire Community Health Centers](#) play a vital role in maintaining the health of more than 122,000 people located in hundreds of communities statewide by providing primary and preventive medical care, dental, behavioral health, on-site labs, and pharmacy services. The Community Health Centers remove barriers to health care through a variety of services including mobile medical and dental care, interpretation, and transportation services. New Hampshire Community Health Centers met the most rigorous quality standards in the health care industry and are designated as Patient Centered Medical Homes that provide innovative, integrated, and team-based health care.

Beginning on October 1, Community Health Centers will have [Certified Application Counselors](#) on-site to provide information, answer questions and assist patients and community members in enrolling in affordable health insurance programs through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The public is invited to attend events and invited to make an appointment to take a tour of their local Community Health Center. To find a Community Health Center nearby, visit www.bistatepca.org and click on *Find a Health Center*.

Community Health Center Events in New Hampshire:

Colebrook - [Indian Stream Health Center](#)

Wed. Aug. 14: New Pharmacy Open House, 5:00 PM at Indian Stream Health Center, 141 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH. Open house to view new on-site pharmacy, newly constructed elevator, and renovated exam rooms. Hearty hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Littleton - [Ammonoosuc Community Health Services](#)

Wed. August 14: Community Block Party, 4:30-7:00 PM at Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Corner of Cottage Street & Mt Eustis Road, Littleton, NH. Community appreciation event includes food, music, art, crafts, magic, demonstrations, displays, a chance to meet the Molar Express Team, and Health Center Tours. Join the fun! FREE & fun for the whole family while promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Concord – [Concord Hospital Main Entrance Lobby](#)

Aug. 15: Governor Maggie Hassan presents her [Governors Proclamation](#) to NH Community Health Centers declaring Aug. 11-17, 2013, as *Community Health Center Week in New Hampshire*. The presentation is open to the public. 10:15 AM - Concord Hospital Main Entrance Lobby, 205 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH

Berlin - [Coos County Family Health Services](#)

Thurs. Aug. 15: Grand Prize Drawing for a Kindle Fire. All who have registered on the Coos County Family Health Services Patient Portal are eligible. Coos County Family Health Services, 133 Pleasant Street, Berlin, NH

Nashua – [The First NH Health Insurance Marketplace Training Forum](#)

Thurs. Aug. 15: 1:00-4:00 PM at [Harbor Homes](#), 45 High Street, Nashua, NH. The NH Insurance Department and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in collaboration with Bi-State Primary Care Association and Community Health Centers, invite community agencies, health care organizations, and other stakeholders to participate in a free training forum about the Health Insurance Marketplace in New Hampshire. For more information, contact Bi-State Primary Care Association: 603-228-2830 x 113.

[Bi-State Primary Care Association](#), serving Vermont and New Hampshire, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization 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.

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