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BI-STATE RECEIVES PATIENT NAVIGATOR GRANT TO HELP UNINSURED NH RESIDENTS ACCESS THE NH HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

CONCORD, NH – AUGUST 15, 2013 – U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced today that Bi-State Primary Care Association (Bi-State) and its consortium, comprised of twelve Community Health Centers and one multi-county rural health network, were awarded a Patient Navigator Grant of \$434,839 to provide outreach and enrollment assistance to 65,000 uninsured New Hampshire residents through the New Hampshire Safety Net Coverage Collaborative. Bi-State is one of two organizations in New Hampshire to receive funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

This grant supports direct outreach to residents through public meetings and on-site assistance. The consortium consists of trained and certified employees who will conduct impartial education about the NH Health Insurance Marketplace, help consumers understand and evaluate the options presented through the Qualified Health Plans, and assist with the enrollment process and application for financial subsidies.

The partner organizations included in the consortium are: Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (Littleton), Coos County Family Health Services (Berlin), Families First Health and Support Center (Portsmouth), Goodwin Community Health (Somersworth), Harbor Care Clinic (Nashua), Health First Family Care Center (Franklin), Indian Stream Health Center (Colebrook), Lamprey Health Care (Nashua), Manchester Community Health Center (Manchester), Mid-State Health Center (Plymouth), North Country Health Consortium (Littleton), Weeks Medical Center (Lancaster), and White Mountain Community Health Center (Conway).

Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving New Hampshire and Vermont, 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. For more information, log onto:

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