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FORMER NH COMMISSIONER TO RECEIVE AWARD AT PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE



NEW HAMPSHIRE – May 13, 2016 – On May 24, Nicholas Toumpas, recently retired commissioner of the NH Department of Health and Human Services, will receive The Chair’s Award from Bi-State Primary Care Association. This annual award “honors individuals from New Hampshire and Vermont who have made outstanding contributions to Bi-State’s mission of assuring access to health care for vulnerable populations.” Toumpas will receive the award during the Awards Ceremony Luncheon at the 2016 Primary Care Conference on May 24 in Fairlee, Vermont.

Toumpas served as commissioner for an eventful eight years comprised of monumental federal and state health care reform. Toumpas accomplished the state’s legislative directives with tenacity and grace, never wavering from the mission of the Department. He spearheaded a new Medicaid Management Information System, Modified Adjusted Gross Income changes, and likely the most important accomplishment of his career, the New Hampshire Health Protection Program. Thanks in part to Mr. Toumpas and his team of experts, over 47,000 New Hampshire residents have access to health insurance coverage - many for the first time in their entire adult lives.

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Bi-State’s annual Primary Care Conference features experts in health care policy and practice at the federal, state, and local level and attracts a large audience of primary care administrators, clinicians, and policymakers. For more information, please visit www.bistatepca.org.

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