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## **NH Community Health Centers Get Federal Recognition For Quality of Care** *High performance levels lead to grant awards*

Bow, New Hampshire – Community Health Centers in New Hampshire will receive a financial boost from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for achieving high quality of care and increasing access to primary care services for vulnerable populations. The funding will enable 11 Community Health Centers to continue to invest in measures to improve patient care. The average award was \$86,500.

“We are very proud of this recognition. This is more than a pat on the back for our Community Health Centers. The federal government carefully evaluated and selected the health centers based on their proven high standards of patient care. The new grants will help fund continued efforts to provide access to primary care for people who might otherwise go without,” says Bi-State Primary Care Association President Tess Stack Kuenning.

Quality awards will be distributed to more than 1,300 Community Health Centers across the country. Dr. Mary Wakefield, HHS Acting Deputy Secretary, says “The quality improvement awards will support health centers to continue to deliver superior health care that engages patients, improves care coordination and bridges overall access to care.”

The NH Community Health Centers receiving Quality Awards are:

1. Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Littleton - \$90,688
2. Health Care for the Homeless Program, Manchester - \$58,631
3. Coos County Family Health Services, Berlin - \$85,005
4. Families First Health & Support Center, Portsmouth - \$72,894
5. Goodwin Community Health, Somersworth - \$40,000
6. Harbor Homes Health & Wellness Center, Nashua - \$73,194
7. HealthFirst Family Care Center, Franklin - \$67,095
8. Indian Stream Health Center, Colebrook - \$56,912
9. Lamprey Health Care, Newmarket - \$93,779
10. Manchester Community Health Center, Manchester - \$213,924
11. Mid-State Community Health Center, Plymouth - \$99,264

Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that represents New Hampshire and Vermont’s 28 Community Health Centers serving 300,000 patients at 120 locations. Bi-State works to promote access to quality, affordable primary health care with an emphasis on reaching underserved populations. Bi-State Primary Care Association was founded as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 1986 with offices in Bow, NH and Montpelier, VT.

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