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## **DHHS Awards Four New Hampshire Health Systems for Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence**

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) recently recognized four health systems for their ongoing commitment to excellence in treating patients with tobacco use dependence.

“Tobacco use dependence takes a staggering toll on New Hampshire health care and economic systems. In New Hampshire, tobacco cessations efforts have a positive impact on reducing the prevalence of smoking,” said Lisa Morris, Director of the DPHS. “DHHS recognizes these health systems for their hard work to incorporate electronic e-referrals in their work flow, increase access to tobacco treatment services, and implement tobacco free polices at their campuses.”

The four health systems recognized are:

**Dartmouth Hitchcock, Lebanon** – for being the first hospital in New Hampshire to utilize electronic medical record transmission for referring patients to QuitWorks-NH, a free service DHHS offers to help providers connect patients to tobacco cessation services in New Hampshire.

**Mid-State Health Center, Plymouth** – for being the first Federally Qualified Community Health Center in New Hampshire to utilize electronic medical record transmission for referring patients to QuitWorks-NH for tobacco treatment.

**Riverbend Community Mental Health, Inc., Integrated Center for Health, Concord** – for treating patients holistically by including tobacco cessation in their treatment plans with on-site counseling and nicotine replacement products from Quit Now-NH.

**Greater Nashua Mental Health Center (GNMHC), Nashua** – for implementing tobacco free policies at all three of their campuses, which resulted in treating patients and employees for tobacco dependence.

For more information about the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services or the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program visit [www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/tobacco/index.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/tobacco/index.htm).

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