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Bi-State to host annual reception for Vermont Legislators

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in the Rutland Region. CHCRR and 11 other FQHCs provide primary and preventive services to more than 171,000 Vermonters statewide.

MONTPELIER, VT – Jan. 25, 2018 – Next Wednesday, Jan. 31, physicians and directors representing Vermont’s Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and rural health clinics statewide, will attend meetings throughout the day with elected officials about the importance of access to comprehensive primary care services to Vermonters at community-based health care providers. Bi-State Primary Care Association and its members will also host a reception for Vermont Legislators in the State House cafeteria from 2-4 pm.

In meetings with Administration, Green Mountain Care Board, and Legislative leadership, physicians will share their knowledge and experience with primary

care in the treatment of chronic disease, mental health, and substance use disorders in their patient population of more than 200,000 Vermonters.

Georgia Maheras, Esq., Bi-State’s director of public policy in Vermont, will present data demonstrating the utilization of services, health outcomes, and economic impact of Bi-State’s members, as reported by Vermont’s FQHCs annually to U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. “Bi-State’s Vermont members provide primary care services in every corner of the state. Every day, these clinicians are putting patients first and ensuring access to primary care, mental health, dental, and substance use disorder treatment services. They are on the front lines answering the call.”

[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, New Hampshire and Montpelier, Vermont.

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