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## 2017 New Hampshire Public Policy Principles & Priorities

### *Public Policy Principles*

Bi-State is committed to improving the health of New Hampshire residents. We work to ensure that all individuals have access to appropriate, high-quality, integrated primary and preventive health care regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Integrated primary and preventive care includes behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, and oral health services.

Proper access to primary and preventive care reduces the need for higher-cost interventions. Bi-State strives to educate policymakers, non-profit leaders, and the business community on the value provided by New Hampshire's community health centers. We accomplish our goals by partnering with the state, health care providers, and business stakeholders. Bi-State supports investments that promote public health through comprehensive primary and preventive care, lower prescription drug prices, and efficiencies in New Hampshire's health care system.

### *Public Policy Priorities*

- Ensuring the New Hampshire Health Protection Program becomes a permanent source of health care coverage for the uninsured.
- Increasing state support for integrated primary and preventive care services for our underserved populations.
- Increasing the investment in health care workforce development and recruitment in underserved areas.
- Expanding the adult Medicaid dental benefit to include educational, preventive, and restorative services.

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