NEW HAMPSHIRE – APRIL 29, 2015 – On May 12, Jeb Bradley, Majority Leader of the New Hampshire State Senate, 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.” Sen. Bradley will receive the award during the Awards Ceremony Luncheon at the 2015 Primary Care Conference in Fairlee, Vermont.

Sen. Bradley has a long history of public service and support of Community Health Centers. As the architect of the state’s Medicaid Managed Care program in 2013, he ensured Community Health Centers retained their encounter rate in any Medicaid-managed care plan. Sen. Bradley worked with Bi-State Primary Care Association, and served as the lead negotiator with the Governor’s office, to ensure that the Medicaid expansion opportunity would continue as a viable option. He supported the Medicaid Study Commission, whose work led to a special legislative session. Although the expansion was defeated in the special session, Bradley continued to lead negotiations throughout the general session, which ultimately led to the passage of the New Hampshire Health Protection Program in March 2014. The state anticipates that 50,000 men and women living at or below 138% of the federal poverty level in New Hampshire will participate in the program; for many, it will be the first time in their adult lives they’ll have access to health insurance.

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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