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Awards Presented on Capitol Hill for Bipartisan Support

Congressional support for Community Health Centers spans five decades

WASHINGTON, DC – April 5, 2017 – Among the thousands of Community Health Center advocates convening on Capitol Hill this week were 14 from New Hampshire. Physicians, board members and directors from Community Health Centers joined Bi-State Primary Care Association to deliver awards to their Congressional delegation in Washington. “We came to thank and recognize our Members of Congress for maintaining bipartisan support of the cost-effective Community Health Center program,” said Tess Stack Kuenning, president/CEO of Bi-State Primary Care Association. “Congress has supported the Community Health Center program through three Republican and two Democratic administrations. On behalf of the 24 million patients served by Community Health Centers nationwide, we extend our sincere appreciation for their bipartisan support.” The 15 Community Health Centers in New Hampshire provide access to integrated primary care, often under one roof, including medical, oral, mental health, substance use treatment and pharmacy services to more than 109,000 patients annually.

In recognition of their past support for the Community Health Center program, that provides access to affordable primary care and preventive services for all, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, Sen. Maggie Hassan, Rep. Ann Kuster and Rep. Carol Shea-Porter each received a Community Health Congressional Award.

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ABOUT Bi-State Primary Care Association

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.