NH’s CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ARRIVE IN MANCHESTER TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

US Fifth Circuit to hear appeal of district court decision that struck down the entire Affordable Care Act

MANCHESTER, NH -- July 8, 2019 -- NH’s entire Congressional Delegation held a press conference at Amoskeag Health Center in Manchester today in advance of oral arguments that will be heard by the US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals tomorrow in the appeal of a district court decision that struck down the entire Affordable Care Act. The United States Justice Department will argue the law should be invalidated given Congress eliminated the tax penalty and as such, the law is unconstitutional.

Senators Shaheen and Hassan, Congresswoman Kuster, and Congressmen Pappas described the value of the Affordable Care Act and the benefits it has brought to New Hampshire citizens and expressed alarming concerns if the Act is struck down. Without the ACA, access to affordable health insurance may be non-existent for those with pre-existing conditions; the loss of the Medicaid Expansion program that provides health insurance coverage to low-income families, including 50,000 Granite Staters; higher out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs for 12 million seniors nationwide; the revocation of the option to keep adult children to age 26 on their parents’ health insurance plan, and many other significant losses.

“On behalf of Bi-State, the Community Health Centers, and all residents, we thank our Members of Congress for taking a strong stand to protect access to affordable health insurance through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,” said Tess Stack Kuenning, President and CEO.

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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 over 315,400 patients at 143 locations across every county in New Hampshire and Vermont. 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.