

2022 New Hampshire Public Policy Principles and Priorities

Public Policy Principles

Bi-State Primary Care Association is committed to improving the health of all New Hampshire residents. We work to ensure that Granite Staters have equitable 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. Bi-State strives to educate policymakers, non-profit leaders, and the business community on the value community health centers provide to the Granite State. We accomplish our goals by partnering with the state, health care providers, non-profit advocacy organizations, and business leaders.

The ability of our health care system to respond to COVID-19 is dependent on a strong public health foundation, a powerful health care workforce, adequate Medicaid reimbursement rates, a robust safety-net provider system, and Granite Staters working together to protect our friends and neighbors from COVID-19. Bi-State's 2022 New Hampshire Public Policy Principles and Priorities reflect the fact that stabilizing the Granite State's public health and safety-net system while increasing access to integrated health care services is critical in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Public Policy Priorities

- Support school-based, local, and statewide policies designed to stop the spread of COVID-19, with a focus on the disproportionate impact to racial-ethnic minority populations and other high-risk populations;
- Oppose any efforts to limit the ability of New Hampshire's health care organizations to adopt policies that are recommended by state and federal public health experts;
- Increase investments in health care workforce development and recruitment, particularly those that target medically underserved areas;
- Adequate funding of the adult Medicaid dental health benefit to include educational, preventive, and restorative services;
- Ensure the success of the Granite Advantage Health Care Program as a reliable source of health insurance for low-income Granite Staters;
- Increase state support for integrated primary and preventive care, and reproductive health care services for our underserved populations;
- Support access to telehealth and reimbursement parity for services provided via telehealth; and
- Support policy changes that eliminate racial injustice, poverty, and discrimination to ensure inclusiveness, diversity, and health equity for all.