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## 2024 New Hampshire Public Policy Principles and Priorities

### ***Public Policy Principles***

Bi-State Primary Care Association is committed to the health of individuals, families, and communities with equitable and quality health care for all. We work to advance access to comprehensive primary care services, with a special emphasis on those in need, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Comprehensive primary care includes preventive care, behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, reproductive health care, pharmacy services, 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 public health events 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 preventable diseases. Bi-State's 2023 New Hampshire Public Policy Principles and Priorities – consistent with the State Health Assessment/State Health Improvement Plan – reflect that stabilizing our public health and safety-net system while increasing access to integrated health care services is critical for a healthy and successful New Hampshire.

### ***Public Policy Priorities***

- Support school-based, local, and statewide policies designed to keep Granite Staters free of preventable disease, with a focus on the disproportionate impact to racial and ethnic minority groups and at-risk populations;
- Create a sustainable, statewide reimbursement methodology that truly supports the integration of primary care and behavioral health such that residents can live their best, most healthy lives (see the [joint statement](#) by the New Hampshire Community Behavioral Health Association and Bi-State Primary Care Association);
- Increase investments in health care workforce development and recruitment;
- Support the permanence of the Granite Advantage Health Care Program as a reliable source of health insurance for Granite Staters;
- Support policies that ensure the success of the 340B Drug Pricing Program to help Community Health Centers and other safety-net providers provide more comprehensive services to their patients;
- Promote and support affordable access to the full range of comprehensive reproductive health care, including essential family planning services and abortion care;
- Increase state support for integrated primary and preventive care and reproductive health care services;
- 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.