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### New Hampshire Celebrates National Health Center Week 2024

**New Hampshire, July 19, 2024** – New Hampshire will proudly join communities across the country to celebrate National Health Center Week 2024 from August 4 to August 10. This special week is dedicated to recognizing the invaluable services Community Health Centers (CHCs) provide in keeping our communities healthy and safe. Located in every state and U.S. Territory, Community Health Centers form the backbone of the nation’s primary health care system, addressing the underlying causes of poor health, such as poverty, homelessness, substance use, mental illness, access to nutritious food, and unemployment.

“The National Health Center Week theme, ‘Powering Communities Through Caring Connections,’ highlights the essential role Community Health Centers play in providing access to primary health care services,” says Tess Stack Kuenning, President and CEO of Bi-State Primary Care Association. “New Hampshire’s Community Health Centers have been crucial in this mission, offering primary medical, dental, and behavioral care at numerous clinical sites to a significant portion of the state's residents. The state’s 10 FQHCs encompass 82 sites in nine counties.”

An October 2022 analysis of 2021 data shows New Hampshire’s CHCs are directly responsible for 1,072 jobs, indirectly responsible for an additional 380 jobs and support another 420 jobs in the region for a total of 1,872 NH jobs.<sup>1</sup>

To find a New Hampshire Federally Qualified Health Center near you, visit: <https://bistatepca.org/centers/>.

For public events and opportunities to visit a community health center in New Hampshire during National Health Center Week, visit: <https://healthcenterweek.org/>.

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1. Economic impact was measured using 2021 IMPLAN Online from IMPLAN Group LLC, IMPLAN System (data and software), www.IMPLAN.com. Learn more at [www.caplink.org/how-economic-impact-is-measured](http://www.caplink.org/how-economic-impact-is-measured).

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