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2025 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.

New Hampshire's primary care system 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 2025 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 at-risk populations;
- Advance policy changes that promote optimal health for all Granite Staters;
- Support public health policies that protect and foster affordable access to immunizations to keep individuals and our communities safe from vaccine-preventable diseases;
- Engage in statewide efforts to lower health care costs and improve health insurance affordability;
- Increase investments in health care workforce development and recruitment;
- Seek development of an uncompensated care fund to support safety-net providers;
- Increase investments in the State's Medicaid program and promote the permanence of the Granite Advantage Health Care Program (Medicaid Expansion);
- Continue policy efforts to enact state-level protections for health centers' 340B savings that allow low-income Granite Staters to access affordable, life-saving medications;
- Continue ongoing collaboration with the State and enhance State support for integrated primary and preventive care and reproductive health care services; and
- Support expansion of telehealth and reimbursement parity for services provided via telehealth.