

SB 506-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

relative to community engagement and work requirements under the state Medicaid program.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. W. MacDonald, Rock. 16

COMMITTEE:

Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to establish community engagement and work requirements under the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program, or the state's expanded Medicaid program, pursuant to authorization for such requirements established in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025, Public Law 119-21.

This bill is a request of the department of health and human services.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to community engagement and work requirements under the state Medicaid program.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program; Community Engagement and
2 Work Requirements. Amend 2025, 141:412 to read as follows:

3 141:412 New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program, ~~[1115-Demonstration;~~
4 ~~Renewed Application to CMS]~~ **Community Engagement and Work Requirements.**

5 I. On or before~~[January]~~ **December 1, 2026, or on an earlier date within 30 calendar**
6 **days after publication of the federal application template,** the department of health and
7 human services shall ~~[resubmit]~~ **submit** to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) ~~[a~~
8 ~~Section 1115 demonstration waiver to the state Medicaid plan relative to enforcing]~~ **required**
9 **documentation relative to implementing** community engagement and work requirements as a
10 condition of Granite Advantage eligibility **in accordance with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of**
11 **2025, Public Law 119-21, Section 71119 (2025).** Prior to submitting the ~~[Section 1115 waiver]~~
12 **required documentation** to CMS, the department shall submit the proposed ~~[waiver]~~ **plan to**
13 **implement community engagement and work requirements** to the fiscal committee of the
14 general court for ~~[approval]~~ **review.**

15 II. Beginning November 1, 2025 and ~~[annually]~~ **quarterly** thereafter **through December**
16 **31, 2026, and then annually thereafter,** the department shall provide a report regarding the
17 status of the ~~[waiver application]~~ **plan under review by CMS** and implementation of the
18 community engagement **and work** requirements ~~[in RSA 126-AA:2, III]~~ **eligibility in accordance**
19 **with Public Law 119-21, Section 71119 (2025),** to the senate president, the speaker of the house
20 of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, and the governor.

21 2 New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program Established; Community
22 Engagement and Work Requirements; Suspended. The provisions of RSA 126-AA:2, directly related
23 to the community engagement and work requirements, shall be suspended for the duration of the
24 federal community engagement and work requirements under Public Law 119-21, Section 71119
25 (2025), as amended. If the federal community engagement and work requirements are subsequently
26 eliminated, the commissioner of the department of health and human services shall immediately
27 certify in writing the removal of the suspension to the director of the office of legislative services, the
28 secretary of state, the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk,
29 the house clerk, and the governor.

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1 3 New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program Established. Amend RSA 126-
2 AA:2, I(a) to read as follows:

3 I.(a) The commissioner shall apply for any necessary waivers and state plan amendments to
4 implement ~~[a 5-year demonstration program beginning on January 1, 2019 to create]~~ **and**
5 **administer** the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program which shall be funded
6 exclusively from non-general fund sources, including federal funds. The commissioner shall include
7 in an application for the necessary waivers submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
8 Services (CMS) a waiver of the requirement to provide 90-day retroactive coverage and a state plan
9 amendment allowing state and county correctional facilities to conduct presumptive eligibility
10 determinations for incarcerated inmates to the extent provided under federal law. To receive
11 coverage under the program, those individuals in the new adult group who are eligible for benefits
12 shall choose coverage offered by one of the managed care organizations (MCOs) awarded contracts as
13 vendors under Medicaid managed care, pursuant to RSA 126-A:5, XIX(a). The program shall make
14 coverage available in a cost-effective manner and shall provide cost transparency measures, and
15 ensure that patients are utilizing the most appropriate level of care. Cost effectiveness shall be
16 achieved by offering cash incentives and other forms of incentives to the insured by choosing
17 preferred lower cost medical providers. Loss of incentives shall also be employed. MCOs shall
18 employ reference-based pricing, cost transparency, and the use of incentives and loss of incentives to
19 the Medicaid and newly eligible population. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "reference-based
20 pricing" means setting a maximum amount payable for certain medical procedures.

21 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures*	\$37,500 state; \$1,017,892 federal	\$62,500 state; \$1,042,892 federal	\$407,800 state; \$250,000 federal	\$407,800 state; \$250,000 federal
Funding Source(s)	General funds, federal funds, Granite Advantage Trust Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill.**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish community engagement and work requirements under the Granite Advantage Health Care Program. The Department notes that the bill aligns state law with federal legislation, specifically HR 1, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and the Working Families Tax Cut. The federal legislation allows states to implement community engagement requirements through a state plan amendment, rather than through an 1115 waiver as previously required. The Department states that this approach is more flexible and less administratively burdensome than a waiver, and will be implemented more quickly. Finally, the Department notes that approximately \$2.2 million in federal grant funding will be available for computer systems costs. The Department received \$1.9 million in December 2025 and anticipates that another \$200,000 to \$300,000 will soon be available.

The table below depicts the Department's projected expenditures:

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Systems Upgrades, Modifications and Maintenance	\$980,392	\$980,392	\$200,000	Indeterminable

Memorandum of Understanding with New Hampshire Employment Security	\$0	\$0	\$357,800	\$357,000
Community Outreach Efforts	\$75,000	\$125,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total:	\$1,055,392	\$1,105,392	\$657,800	\$457,000
State Share:	\$37,500	\$62,500	\$407,800	\$407,800
Federal Share:	\$1,017,892	\$1,042,892	\$250,000	\$250,000

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Department of Health and Human Services