



INVEST IN OUR HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

SB 403 addresses the health care workforce crisis that impacts access to quality and timely health care for New Hampshire families.



THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

For years, severe workforce shortages have left patients facing lengthy wait times and traveling long distances to access much-needed health care. Across many settings, patients are struggling to get the care they need when they need it.

The workforce shortage is especially affecting small towns and rural communities. New Hampshire competes nationally for health care professionals. Most of the training programs in the state are centered in larger communities in Southern New Hampshire, so there are few providers training and remaining in rural communities where services are most needed.

With many job vacancies across the state, now extending across the health care spectrum, there remains a strong need to invest in programs to foster a future health care workforce within the Granite State.

WE NEED TO GROW OUR HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

To keep New Hampshire healthy and thriving economically, we must address our health care workforce shortage. SB 403 aims to attract and retain health care workers in our state so that Granite Staters have access to quality health care, across the spectrum of care, when they need it.

TAKE ACTION

Urge state lawmakers to support SB 403 and invest in our health care workforce:



Share your experience as a patient awaiting care or as a health care worker



Sign the petition urging lawmakers to act



Spread the word on social media

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HOW SB 403 ADDRESSES WORKFORCE CHALLENGES



Rural Residency Program

Creates opportunities for doctors to work in rural and underserved areas by investing in the Family Medicine Residency Program in the North Country. Currently, there are no family medicine residency programs north of Concord.



Community Health Worker Voluntary Certification Program

Provides a clear career path and greater financial stability for community health workers. Currently, employers must rely on intermittent grant funding to support this invaluable workforce.



Health Care Pipeline Investments

Provides training and mentorship opportunities to NH youth through the NH Area Health Education Centers to encourage middle and high school students to work in health care.



Expansion of State Loan Repayment Program

Expands the state loan repayment program to bachelor-level professionals, including case managers who work in primary care and mental health settings.

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