

Access to Appropriate Health Care and Social Services

The New Hampshire Public Health Association (NHPHA) supports universal access to high quality evidence based, integrated health care at a level of cost that does not create barriers to care. Priorities include:

- Coordinate private, state and federal efforts into a seamless system of health care and social services as one ages.
- Assure access to medical insurance through either private or public programs. If there is to be phasing of universal insurance coverage, priority should be given to coverage of all children.
- Fund public health promotion and disease prevention activities that are demonstrated to reduce medical care costs.
- Assure first dollar coverage for evidence based preventive services.
- Assure a medical home for individuals/families to coordinate care.
- Assure that co-pays and deductibles are not economic barriers to care.
- Monitor and reduce disparities in health outcomes among geographic areas as well as populations.
- Provide culturally sensitive medical care with appropriate outreach and interpretive services for minority populations.

Resources

Gee Gilbert C, Andrew Ryan, David J. Laflamme and Jeanie Holt. “Self Reported Discrimination and Mental Health Status Among African Descendants, Mexican Americans, and Other Latinos in the New Hampshire REACH 2010 Initiative: The Added Dimension of Immigration,” American Journal of Public Health 96:10 (October 2016) 1821 1828.

Flores, Glenn and Hua Lin. “Trends in racial/ethnic disparities in medical and oral health, access to care, and use of services in US children: has anything changed over the years?” Int J Equity Health. 2013; 12; 10.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3560223/>

HealthCare.gov. “How the Health Care Law is Making a Difference for the People of New Hampshire”. (March 18, 2013) <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/information-for-you/nh.html>

State Plan Advisory Work Group. “Plan to Address Health Disparities and Promote Health Equity in New Hampshire.” New Hampshire Health & Equity Partnership. (March 2011).

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/omh/documents/disparities.pdf>

State Coverage Initiatives. “State Profile: New Hampshire.” (2010)

<http://www.statecoverage.org/coverage/new%20hampshire>