



SB 244: BUILDING A HEALTHIER FUTURE THROUGH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Access to care starts with the workforce, and New Hampshire’s health care workforce is in crisis. The state must invest in the workforce now for better care tomorrow.




THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Our health care system relies on skilled professionals to provide the care we all need. However, our state’s health care workforce continues to face critical shortages that affect access to quality and timely care. Across many settings, patients are struggling to get the care they need when they need it, impacting the health of Granite State individuals, families, and communities.

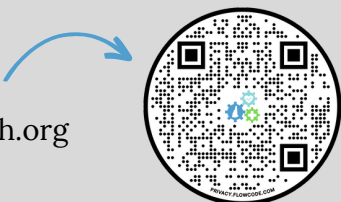
Addressing the workforce shortage requires strategic investments in attracting, training, and retaining professionals who can ensure that every New Hampshire resident has access to high-quality care, both now and in the future.

TAKE ACTION

Urge state lawmakers to support SB 244 to invest in our health care workforce:

-  Share your experience as a patient accessing care or as a health care worker
-  Sign the petition urging lawmakers to act
-  Spread the word on social media

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POLICY SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS WORKFORCE CHALLENGES

New Hampshire can invest in the following programs to address the workforce shortage.

Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub

Creates a Public-Private Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub to develop a pipeline of skilled health care professionals. This partnership would help ensure all communities—particularly those in rural and underserved areas—have access to essential health services.

Public-private partnerships combine the strengths of both sectors to improve health care access and delivery. The private sector can provide resources, expertise, and partnership in innovative solutions to addressing the state’s workforce shortage.

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.

Residency programs in rural areas improve health care access for local residents and encourage doctors to remain in these communities after completing their training.

NH Needs Caregivers

Supports the NH Needs Caregivers program through the Southern NH Area Health Education Center to recruit and train caregivers in our state.

The NH Needs Caregivers initiative helps Granite Staters start a health care career as a licensed nursing assistant. With this funding, up to 500 individuals will be trained to work at health care facilities across the state.

INVEST IN OUR HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

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