



PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT SYSTEM

2025 legislation aims to support the health and safety of all Granite Staters by ensuring high-quality substance use treatment services across the state.

SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT IN NH

Over the last decade, New Hampshire's substance use treatment system has grown significantly as the addiction crisis has spread. Dozens of organizations now provide treatment each year to tens of thousands of individuals in need. But without sufficient oversight by the State, parts of the system remain largely unregulated, leaving patients to navigate an uneven treatment landscape with programs and services that vary in quality. To protect the health and safety of individuals battling addiction, New Hampshire needs to strengthen oversight and ensure high quality, evidence-based services all across the treatment system.



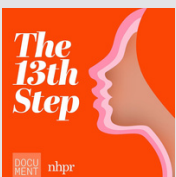
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THE 13TH STEP PODCAST

NHPR's *The 13th Step* podcast, released in 2023, details alleged incidents of sexual assault and other misconduct in one of New Hampshire's largest substance use treatment networks. *The 13th Step* revealed the need to strengthen oversight of treatment providers in New Hampshire to protect patients and ensure high quality services for all in need.



To learn more about *The 13th Step*, visit
13thsteppodcast.org

THE POLICY SOLUTION

2025 legislation proposes to improve New Hampshire's substance use treatment system by strengthening patient protections and ensuring high quality services. It includes two key parts:



Mandatory Certification

Create a certification requirement for outpatient substance use treatment provider organizations. This would require outpatient providers to meet certain treatment standards and become certified by the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services in order to provide services.



Investigations of Misconduct

Establish a Behavioral Health Specialist position within the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Ombudsman. This position would be dedicated to investigating reports of abuse or misconduct by treatment providers. This would also make it easier for patients, families, and staff to report concerns.

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