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Bipartisan agreement in NH legislature about the importance of reauthorizing the Granite Advantage Health Care Program

Concord, NH: Speaker Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) released the following statement relative to the bipartisan agreement about the importance of reauthorizing the Granite Advantage Health Care program with a 7-year sunset provision:

“There is strong bipartisan agreement that reauthorizing the Granite Advantage Health Care program is a top priority for our legislature. This program has succeeded in providing healthcare coverage for hundreds of thousands of low-income Granite Staters while lowering the rates of uncompensated care and lowering costs throughout the healthcare system.

Reauthorization is included in HB 2, our state budget, with a 7-year sunset provision. Extending this important program for 7 years makes fiscal sense by allowing contracts to be signed with maximum benefits. NH gets the financial benefit of a full contract period, a continued drop in uncompensated care costs - which is a hidden tax - and it stabilizes the market allowing for more competition to help further drive down health care costs in our state.

I applaud the efforts and hard work of all that crafted this compromise and hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this proposal.”

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