

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB274

Bill as Introduced

SB 274 - AS INTRODUCED

2019 SESSION

19-1022

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SENATE BILL **274**

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Approved: July 19, 2019
Effective Date: September 17, 2019

Amendments

Sen. Bradley, Dist 3
February 12, 2019
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Health and Human Services
February 13, 2019
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Committee Minutes

**AMENDED
SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Health and Human Services**

Sen Tom Sherman, Chair
Sen Martha Fuller Clark, Vice Chair
Sen Shannon Chandley, Member
Sen Jeb Bradley, Member
Sen James Gray, Member

Date: February 7, 2019

HEARINGS

	Tuesday	02/12/2019
	(Day)	(Date)
Health and Human Services		LOB 101
		1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)		(Place)
		(Time)
1:00 p.m. SB 118		establishing a child fatality review committee. (THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 118 WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 29th)
1:15 p.m. SB 14-FN		relative to child welfare.
1:45 p.m. SB 292-FN		relative to implementation of the new mental health 10-year plan.
2:15 p.m. SB 274		relative to the newborn home visiting program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 118

Sen. Carson	Sen. Bradley	Rep. Hinch	Rep. Berrien
Rep. Guthrie	Rep. Rice		

SB 14-FN

Sen. Feltes	Sen. Cavanaugh	Sen. Chandley	Sen. Fuller Clark
Sen. Hennessey	Sen. Kahn	Sen. Reagan	Sen. Watters
Sen. Bradley	Sen. Rosenwald	Rep. Rice	Rep. Morrison
Rep. Wallner	Rep. Nordgren	Rep. Hennessey	

SB 292-FN

Sen. Sherman	Sen. Rosenwald	Sen. Hennessey	Sen. Kahn
Sen. Levesque	Sen. Chandley	Sen. Watters	Sen. Fuller Clark
Rep. Altschiller	Rep. Berrien	Rep. Knirk	Rep. Marsh

SB 274

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Sen. Gray	Sen. Hennessey	Sen. Kahn	Sen. Morgan
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Doug Marino 271-8631

Tom Sherman
Chairman

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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SB 274, relative to the newborn home visiting program.

Hearing Date: February 12, 2019

Time Opened: 3:45 p.m.

Time Closed: 4:04 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Sherman, Fuller Clark, Chandley, Bradley and Gray

Members of the Committee Absent : None

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Sen. Watters	Rep. Danielson	Rep. Wallner
Rep. Berrien	Rep. Marsh	

Who supports the bill: Alyssa Mahoney (Lakes Region Community Services – Family Resource Center), Hugh Bushew (Lakes Region Community Services – Family Resource Center), Aaron Briggs, Steve Chapman, MD (NH Pediatric Society), Rebecca Stern, Ashley Hamel, Schelley Rondeau (Central New Hampshire VNA), Maryann Evers (Waypoint), Melissa Shadden (Lakes Region Community Services – Family Resource Center), Rebecca Woitkowski (New Futures), Colby Kearn, Josia Schlogl, Gina Belanger, Rep. Manny Espitia (Hillsborough District 31), Gwendolyn Gladstone (NH Pediatric Society), Becky Whitley (NH Children’s Behavioral Health Collaborative), Senator Jon Morgan (District 23), Senator Tom Sherman (District 24), Senator Cindy Rosenwald (District 13), Senator Jeb Bradley (District 3), Patricia Tilley (DHHS), John Williams (DHHS), Director Moira O’Neil (Office of the Child Advocate), Senator James Gray (District 6), Senator Ruth Ward (District 8), Senator Regina Birdsell (District 19), Susan Covent, Rep. William Marsh (Carroll District 8), Ashley Womble, Rheanna Mandh, Darlene Gildersleeve, Doris Hampton, Senator Harold French (District 7), Deborah Jakabowski, Melissa Sullivan, Senator Jay Kahn (District 10), Sally Hatch, Maura Williams, Linda Matlage, Melissa Hinebauch, Liz-Anne Platt, Corinne Dodge, Kathy Cahill, Dennis Jakabowski, Dellie Champagne (NH Children’s Behavioral Health Collaborative), Senator Martha Fuller Clark (District

21), Dr. Kristen Johnson, Dr. Robert Murray, Marcia Garber, Senator Jeanne Dietsch (District 9), Senator Shannon Chandley (District 11), Rena Woods

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Jeb Bradley, District 3

- SB 274 will allow the home visitation program to be expanded to serve all mothers, rather than just mothers who are 21 and under and having their first child.
- The home visitation program is for Medicaid eligible women and children.
- Senator Bradley is introducing an amendment at the request of DHHS.
- Senator Fuller Clark asked Senator Bradley about the amendment. Senator Bradley stated that the amendment ensures that the legislation will cover mothers who are having a child beyond their first child.
- Senator Fuller Clark followed up by asking if the amendment also removes the 21-years old restriction. Senator Bradley indicated that that is his understanding.

Shelley Rondeau, Central New Hampshire VNA (Provided written testimony)

- Mrs. Rondeau is the pediatric nurse coordinator for Carroll and Belknap County.
- Mrs. Rondeau supports SB 274.
- Rural areas of the state will benefit from this legislation.

Maryann Evers

- Mrs. Evers supports SB 274.
- Mrs. Evers has run home visiting programs for many years.
- The home visiting program is extremely effective in ensuring healthy childhood development.

Rebecca Woitkowski, New Futures (Provided written testimony)

- New Futures supports this legislation

Gina Belanger, Family Resource Center (Provided written testimony)

- Mrs. Belanger supports this legislation.
- This legislation will ensure that families have access to the home visiting program. This is particularly important as the state works to combat the mental health and substance abuse crisis.
- Mrs. Belanger has been a home visiting nurse for 15 years in Gorham. She believes that SB 274 will improve the state's home visiting program.

Patricia Tilley, Department of Health and Human Services

- Mrs. Tilley supports SB 274.
- This legislation will allow federally qualified programs to serve the families that they need to serve.
- In the past, the department has estimated that the startup costs for the program could be anywhere from \$60,000 to \$500,000. This is with a 50-50 federal participation match.
- Mrs. Tilley believes that department could use a 90-10 match, which will lower the cost significantly.

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 14, 2019

Speakers

SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date: February 12, 2019 Time: 2:15PM Public Hearing on SB 274

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Please check box(es) that apply:

SPEAKING	FAVOR	OPPOSED	NAME (Please print)	REPRESENTING
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alyssa Mahoney	Lakes Reg. Comm. Serv. - Family Resource Center, Laconia
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Testimony

Health and Human Service Committee

Public Hearing on New Hampshire's Home Visiting Program SB274

February 12, 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to tell our story.

My name is Schelley Rondeau, I am from Central New Hampshire Visiting Nurse and Hospice, and I am the pediatric nurse coordinator for our pediatric program in both Carroll and Belknap counties.

I have been involved with New Hampshire's Home Visiting program since it was a pilot program under Joann Ashiem back in the early 90's. The vision of home visiting has always been my passion, to be able to educate and support these young families to develop into productive New Hampshire residents is a dream everyone has a piece of.

SB 274 will give NH children access to the home visiting service especially in the more rural areas of our state which include Carroll and Belknap counties.

Home Visiting provides many families with intensive in-home visits that help build upon skills of the families. We support the growth and development of their children and help prevent DCYF involvement. Home visiting has shown to help decrease child maltreatment which will lead to better outcomes not only for the family but for the state. Prevention is the key to success.

Each child deserves a family that is loving and caring and able to meet their needs and it takes a village of community resources to make this happen for each New Hampshire child. SB 274 is the key to the door for many families who can't currently access these services.

Many of our families have come back to us with other children and have stated "my home visitor gave me the education and support I needed at the time I needed it."

By supporting SB274 we are building a stronger foundation for our families for years to come.

Thank you for letting me explain our story.

Sincerely,

Schelley Rondeau RN, BSN
Central New Hampshire VNA
Pediatric Program Coordinator

January 12, 2019
Gina Belanger LPN
Family Resource Center
123 Main Street
Gorham, NH 03581
603-466-5190

Senate Bill 274

Good Afternoon.

Thank you for allowing me to speak to Senate Bill 274. My name is Gina Belanger and I have been a home visiting Nurse for well over 15 years for the Family Resource Center in Gorham.

I would like to take a moment thank everyone for all of the hard work that you do to make Family Strengthening and Support Programs a priority at the state level and ensuring that it remains a continuing, growing, adaptable system that improves the lives of NH families and their children.

Our contracts come and go but they all have a baseline commitment of making the lives of children and families better, and to do it with kindness and respect from where they meet us, which is in their homes. Parent Educators, Family Support Specialists and Home Visiting Nurses have the very same goal, which the state of NH does: to increase the protective factors and reduce risk factors for all families.

Home visitors reach out daily to our clients with our tool box full of research based curriculum, our life skills methods, motivational interviewing and now for many of us as Recovery Coaches and Trauma informed educators. We work with many of our clients on a weekly basis to keep the momentum of learning high. We then dot all of our I's, cross all of our T's and we spend hours putting our client's lives in a readable data format that denotes change and validates that we have done our jobs.

As home visitors we count our successes in the smallest of ways...not measurable by standards such as numerators and denominators. We measure it by clean sink, a washed floor, a correctly mixed bottle; watching parents offer appropriately timed responses to their children's needs. We applaud a parent who can take 2 minutes out of their day to stop and breathe, just breathe and refocus. Teaching a young father that he sets the standards with which his children and his sons will learn from him, that he is the teacher, not us, we are the guides and gatekeepers.

Home visiting differs slightly from other programs in that we have a valuable commodity, called TIME. Time to explain, time to listen; time to teach a new mother to swaddle a baby, time to formulate a goal plan to address the specific needs of that family and my most favorite subject time to teach parents about an infant's developing brain. We have the time to reinforce a "safe plan of care for a drug exposed baby", to watch that baby grow, measure their progress and monitor their ongoing needs and share that information back to the original referring agency.

The opioid crisis has pushed every service provider in this state to use every moment as a teachable one and we all have learned to count on each other for the sake of the children. Family Resource Center once referred out now we are the referral.

I found this quote on Facebook and it is written by Terry Real *"Family dysfunctions rolls down from generation to generation, like a fire in the woods, taking down everything in its path until one person in one generation has the courage to turn and face the flames. That person brings peace to their ancestors and spares the children that follow."*

Since I retire in next week, I will share with you my most proud moment. Before 2012 I had worked with a young father of 4 children who I had known as a young teen...he came from a difficult background and had learned his lessons well. By standards he would scare most people in this room. His favorite words were cuss words....so one afternoon we were slated to do a "mirroring" with his then 2 year old son, so I encouraged dad to replace "holy crackin ice" every time he wanted to use a cuss word while we played a game. On this day the sun shined down on me because in less than 20 minutes his son was saying "holy crackin ice". It took young dad a moment to realize what we had been working on all this time with the family activities had been doing with him...he stopped, looked at me, jumped up, did a fake fist punch to my arm (which is a sign of affection)and said...HOLY crackin ice Gina... I am a blankety blank teacher, who would have ever thought, " **I would be a teacher**", **This was the day he faced the flame.**

Please restore SB 274 to encourage any Medicaid eligible parent of any age to access services and give them TIME to learn, the learning curve does not stop at 21.

Thank You

February 12, 2019

My name is Karen Jameson. I am a registered nurse with a master's degree in health education. I have been a Home Visiting nurse for TLC Family Resource Center for 16 years. I remember several years ago when the state restricted Medicaid home visiting to first time moms who were under age 21 and pregnant or in the first two weeks postpartum. I testified then that those restrictions eliminated my more high risk families, who are often older, have multiple children, and suffer from negative social determinants of health such as substance use, poverty and mental health concerns. Eliminating the funding for those families did not make them go away. We continued to enroll and serve those families, but at a financial loss to our agency that is not sustainable long term. We are making a difference in the lives of these children and their parents on a daily basis. Many people today will speak to the successful outcomes of home visiting programs. I will not repeat all the statistics that they will share, but please listen and know that I see the change on a first hand basis. I see it when we are able to help a homeless family of four apply for subsidized housing and get out of the homeless shelter. I see it when we are able to help a woman with three children get help with substance use treatment so her kids can avoid going into foster care. I see it when we are able to connect a pregnant woman with gestational diabetes with emergency healthy food resources. A woman who is 36 weeks pregnant and needs to eat a very careful, healthy diet to avoid needing insulin and then having to change to the high risk prenatal team. A woman who has been put on bedrest and has to stop working and loses her income and can't

apply for food stamps for another month. Our simple ability to bring her food from Willing Hands each week and to give her a gas card so she could get to the Haven has helped her avoid adverse health outcomes. . adverse health outcomes that increase the cost to Medicaid. . And yet none of these families meet criteria for Medicaid home visiting, being older than 21 and/or having multiple children. Social determinants of health do not abide by age restrictions and limited family size. It is time to open the Medicaid home visiting program back up to all pregnant and parenting women.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable, Tom Sherman, Chair
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Re: New Futures' support of SB 274, relative to the newborn home visiting program

Dear Senator Sherman and Honorable Members of the Committee,

New Futures appreciates the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 274, relative to the newborn home visiting program. New Futures is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates, educates and collaborates to improve the health and wellness of all New Hampshire residents. As New Hampshire's authorized Kids Count organization, New Futures also advocates for data-based policies that support Granite State families.

New Futures stands in strong support of SB 274 because it will increase access to home visiting services for families in need. As a result of the current addiction epidemic, we know there are increasing numbers of children in crisis and families in desperate need of services¹. Research shows us that key investments and interventions (such as home visiting and family strengthening and support programs) can dramatically alter a child's life trajectory in a positive way mitigating the effects of toxic stress².

Home visiting services are a vital and smart investment to improve the health and wellness of New Hampshire's kids and families. A home visiting program is when a skilled professional like a nurse or social worker is paired with a family to provide supports within the home. Through regular, planned home visits, parents learn how to improve their family's health and provide better opportunities for their children. Home visits and services may include: supporting preventive health and prenatal practices, assisting mothers on how best to breastfeed and care for their babies, helping parents understand child development milestones and behaviors, promoting parents' use of praise and other positive parenting techniques, and working with mothers to set goals for the future, continue their education, and find employment and child care solutions. These important services help reduce the negative long-term consequences of adverse childhood experiences, increase family stability and self-sufficiency, and reduce long-term costs to the state³.

Medicaid Home Visiting is one of New Hampshire's most critical home visiting programs, but due to strict eligibility requirements, it is not being fully-utilized to help Granite State children and families. Currently, Medicaid Home Visiting is only available to first-time mothers under the age of 21, and enrollment must take place within the first two weeks after childbirth. The state created restrictions make it very difficult for families in need to access these services and blunt the impact of the program.

¹ Smith, Kristin, "Parental Substance Use in New Hampshire: Who Cares for the Children?" (2018). The Carsey School of Public Policy at the Scholars' Repository. 342. <https://scholars.unh.edu/carsey/342>

² http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/phl/resource_center_infographic.html

³ Heckman, James. "Quantifying the Life-Cycle Benefits of a Prototypical Early Childhood Program." The Heckman Equation, 5 Dec. 2017, heckmanequation.org/resource/lifecycle-benefits-influential-early-childhood-program/.

SB 274 would expand access to Medicaid Home Visiting program by eliminating those strict restrictions.

Increased access to home visiting services is desperately needed in New Hampshire. A recent report indicated that New Hampshire's home visiting programs only serve up to 1,100 children & families each year – only a fraction of the 9,200 families could benefit⁴. Current levels of support for home visiting are not enough to reach all children who need it. We need to do more for our state's children.

In New Hampshire, we are struggling from multiple crises impacting the health and wellness of our children, like substance misuse, mental health, and child abuse and neglect. These situations, which cause toxic stress in kids, can have long-term, negative consequences on the health and well-being of our children. Home visiting helps reduce negative impacts and set children, and our state, up for success. We need to do everything we can to help mitigate the long-term negative effects in order to ensure a bright, healthy future for our children and our state.

For these reasons, New Futures urges the committee to vote SB 274 Ought to Pass.

Respectfully submitted,



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⁴Karoly, Lynn A., Advancing Investments in the Early Years: Opportunities for Strategic Investments in Evidence-Based Early Childhood Programs in New Hampshire. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2019.



WAYPOINT

Help Along the Way

Good Afternoon
Formerly

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

My name is Maryann Evers. I am a clinical social worker and have been a home visitor and managing home visiting programs for many years. I am also the parent of three grown children that I hope will one day make me a grandparent. I am here today to appeal to you to help increase access to home visiting for families with young children.

Remember the adage....an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure?....well I hope you join me in endorsing the wisdom of these words(credited to Ben Franklin btw) by supporting Senate Bill 274

Providing home visiting services to parents with young children results in the kind of outcomes we all want...healthy, productive independently functioning citizens of NH.

There are estimates that around 9000 families with young children in NH who have two or more risk factors in their lives and could benefit from home visiting.

Risk factors like divorce, having a family member with substance use disorder, poverty, low education level are things that are highly correlated with poor health outcomes. The ACEs study shows clear evidence of this.

Home visiting services can mitigate the effect of these adverse childhood experiences and result in improved outcomes for children.

Current funding reaches only about 1000 of these families. The cost to NH is high for failing to support its youngest citizens.

I am witness to the benefits of these programs every day. For anyone who has ever raised a child, it is easy to imagine how wonderful it is to get information about things like child development and breast feeding in those early days of your baby coming home. Someone to offer you support and guidance so that you don't feel so isolated and incompetent.

Those of us that are fortunate to have a loving family to support us in these early moments may take this kind of support for granted. But believe me, even as a mother with few risk factors I would've welcomed the support, education and information provided by the home visiting program we are describing today. I wish everyone could have a home visitor.

Today I am asking for you to consider lifting the restrictions on funding for these most vulnerable children and families. The current "rules" governing Medicaid reimbursement are extremely effectiveif your goal is to virtually eliminate this service in NH....The "rules"....that restrict this service to

First time moms

Under age 21

Who enroll before baby is two weeks old

What about young Moms with two children?

What about a 22 year old Mom?

What if she decides she needs help when baby is one month or two months old?

Expanding the rules to incorporate more mothers in need is sensible and responsible.

According to research...the return on investment for early childhood programs like evidenced based home vi somewhere around \$6 for every \$1 spent. A sound investment

In closing please remember "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"

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Senate Health and Human Services Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2018-2019 Session

Bill # ~~SB 517A~~

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Motion of: Amendment 0456 Vote: 4-6

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 274**

AN ACT relative to the newborn home visiting program.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

AMENDMENT # 2019-0499s

Senator Jeb Bradley
For the Committee

Doug Marino 271-8631

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 274, relative to the newborn home visiting program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Jeb Bradley for the committee.

Docket of SB274**Bill Title:** relative to the newborn home visiting program.**Official Docket of SB274.:**

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1/28/2019	S	Introduced 01/03/2019 and Referred to Health and Human Services; SJ 4
2/7/2019	S	Hearing: 02/12/2019, Room 101, LOB, 02:15 pm; SC 10
2/14/2019	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2019-0499s , 02/21/2019; SC 11
2/21/2019	S	Committee Amendment #2019-0499s , AA, VV; 02/21/2019; SJ 6
2/21/2019	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2019-0499s, RC 24Y-0N, MA; OT3rdg; 02/21/2019; SJ 6
3/21/2019	H	Introduced 03/20/2019 and referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs HJ 11 P. 71
3/27/2019	H	Public Hearing: 04/03/2019 01:00 pm LOB 205
4/10/2019	H	Division II Subcommittee Work Session: 04/16/2019 10:00 am LOB 205
4/10/2019	H	Division II Subcommittee Work Session: 04/17/2019 01:00 pm LOB 205
4/10/2019	H	Executive Session: 04/18/2019 10:00 am LOB 205
4/24/2019	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2019-1396h for 05/02/2019 (Vote 20-0; CC) HC 22 P. 5
5/2/2019	H	Amendment #2019-1396h : AA VV 05/02/2019 HJ 14 P. 6
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5/7/2019	H	Referral Waived by Committee Chair per House Rule 46(f) 05/02/2019
6/13/2019	S	Sen. Sherman Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 06/13/2019; SJ 20
6/28/2019	H	Enrolled 06/27/2019 HJ 20 P. 53
6/28/2019	S	Enrolled (In recess 06/27/2019); SJ 21
7/24/2019	S	Signed by the Governor on 07/19/2019; Chapter 285; Effective 09/17/2019

Other Referrals

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