

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

# **SB242**

# Bill as Introduced

SB 242-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

**242-FN**

AN ACT

relative to Medicaid direct certification.

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Sen. Whitley, Dist 15  
March 10, 2023  
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Sen. Gray, Dist 6  
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**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE**  
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Sen Regina Birdsall, Chair  
Sen Kevin Avard, Vice Chair  
Sen Jeb Bradley, Member  
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member  
Sen Suzanne Prentiss, Member

Date: February 8, 2023

**HEARINGS**

Wednesday	02/15/2023	
(Day)	(Date)	
Health and Human Services	Legislative Office Building 101	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.	<b>SB 131-FN</b>	relative to health care provider contract standards.
9:30 a.m.	<b>SB 235-FN</b>	relative to services provided through a primary care behavioral health model.
10:00 a.m.	<b>SB 238-FN</b>	relative to the use of telemedicine to treat mental health conditions.
10:30 a.m.	<b>SB 242-FN</b>	relative to Medicaid direct certification.
11:00 a.m.	<b>SB 237-FN</b>	relative to the child care scholarship program and making an appropriation therefor.

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**Sponsors:**

**SB 131-FN**

Sen. Soucy  
Sen. Chandley  
Rep. J. Murphy

**SB 235-FN**

Sen. Chandley  
Sen. Altschiller

**SB 238-FN**

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Regina Birdsell  
Chairman

**Senate Health and Human Services Committee**  
*Cameron Lapine 271-2104*

SB 242-FN, relative to Medicaid direct certification.

**Hearing Date:** February 15, 2023

**Time Opened:** 10:59 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 11:16 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Birdsell, Avard, Bradley, Whitley and Prentiss

**Members of the Committee Absent:** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill directs the department of health and human services, and the department of education to participate in the Demonstration Projects for states to evaluate the impact of using medicaid eligibility data to directly certify students for free and reduced price school meals administered by the USDA.

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. Whitley

Sen. Watters

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

Sen. Fenton

Sen. Ricciardi

Rep. Wallner

Rep. Simpson

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**Who supports the bill:** In total, **82 individuals** signed in in support of SB 242-FN. The full sign in sheets are available upon request to the Legislative Aide, Cameron Lapine ([cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us)).

**Who opposes the bill:** In total, **2 individuals** signed in in opposition to SB 242-FN. The full sign in sheets are available upon request to the Legislative Aide, Cameron Lapine ([cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us)).

**Who is neutral on the bill:** In total, **1 individual** signed in as neutral on SB 242-FN. The full sign in sheets are available upon request to the Legislative Aide, Cameron Lapine ([cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us)).

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Becky Whitley**

**Senate District 15**

- Senator Whitley said the content of SB 242-FN was considered previously, although not as a stand-alone bill.
- Sen. Whitley said Medicaid Direct Certification provides automatic enrollment in the school meals program for children whose families already receive Medicaid services. She said this streamlines the process for families, as they would not need to fill out a separate application for the school meals program.

- Sen. Whitley said Medicaid Direct Certification is done through an electronic data matching process.
- Sen. Whitley said the State should help children are eligible for school meals to receive them.
- Sen. Whitley said SB 242-FN is also good for school meal administrators and municipalities.
- Sen. Whitley said there is a high rate of childhood hunger in New Hampshire, which increased during the COVID-19 pandemic and has not dropped since due to the increased costs of food and groceries.
- Sen. Whitley said New Hampshire is a small state with small communities and there is no reason children cannot have access to food. She said the idea of children going through the day without food is heartbreaking to her.
- Sen. Whitley said SB 242-FN directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Education (DOE) to participate in a federal demonstration project. She said it is important for New Hampshire to take advantage of the opportunity.
- Sen. Whitley said New Hampshire is 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation for school breakfasts. She said that is not a statistic to be proud of. She said Medicaid Direct Certification led to a 12% increase in children certified for meals in the states that have implemented it. She said in the seven years since Texas first implemented Medicaid Direct Certification, there has been a 48% increase.
- Sen. Whitley noted that SB 242-FN is a bipartisan bill.
- Sen. Whitley said there is not a completed fiscal note for SB 242-FN so the cost is unknown but she urged the Committee to think of it as a pilot program to figure out the costs and practicalities of getting children access to school meals.
- Sen. Whitley said ending childhood hunger should be a priority for the General Court.

### **Mike Apfelberg**

#### **United Way of Greater Nashua**

- Mr. Apfelberg said United Way of Greater Nashua partnered with the Nashua School District to provide 125,000 breakfasts and lunches to children in a low- or no-barrier way. He said there was a great need for the meals. He said nearly all school children eat lunch at school, and many also eat breakfast and a snack at school.
- Mr. Apfelberg said nutrition is vital to learn and concentrate. He said that that cannot be done over time on an empty stomach.
- Mr. Apfelberg said there has been a decline in enrollment for free and reduced school meal programs after the pandemic, because the barriers to entry during the pandemic were low or non-existent.
- Mr. Apfelberg said that allowing Medicaid qualification to carry over to school meals will increase participation in the program, which will provide a boost to health and educational outcomes.

### **Laura Milliken**

#### **Executive Director, NH Hunger Solutions**

- Ms. Milliken referenced her written testimony.
- Ms. Milliken said Medicaid Direct Certification reduces child food insecurity and larger costs to the system. She said it improves health and educational outcomes and serves as a more accurate way to measure the number of children in need of nutritional assistance.

- Ms. Milliken said the families did not need to fill out forms for school meal programs during the pandemic. She said that some families did not fill out the forms once the pandemic ended. Ms. Milliken said the forms are burdensome to schools and families.
- Ms. Milliken said some concerns had been raised about data privacy but DHHS and DOE already have a MOU in place to cover data sharing regarding children who receive supports through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and homeless support programs, as well as children who take part in Head Start. She said there has never been a data breach.
- Sen. Whitley asked how many children would qualify for school meals programs through Medicaid Direct Certification.
  - Ms. Milliken said, pre-pandemic, they had run comparisons of Medicaid enrollment and school meals program enrollment and estimated a gap of 6,000 to 7,000 children. She said she assumed the number would be higher today.
- Sen. Whitley asked how much higher than 6,000 or 7,000 the number was. She asked if it was closer to 8,000 or 10,000 children.
  - Ms. Milliken deferred that question to DOE.
- Sen. Whitley asked how many children there were in New Hampshire. She said even 7,000 hungry children was startling.
  - Ms. Milliken agreed.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None.

**Neutral Information Presented:**

**Rob Berry and Deb Sorli**

**General Counsel, Division of Medicaid; Chief, Bureau of Family Assistance, DHHS**

- Mr. Berry said DHHS had engaged with the House of Representatives on HB 601-FN-L and heard significant privacy concerns. He said they developed an amendment that should address the House's concerns with an ability to opt-out of the data sharing.
- Senator Bradley said that when many Senators supported the policy of Medicaid Direct Certification in 2022, it was promoted as a pilot program. He said he has since been told that it would have a direct impact on education adequacy funding. He said the Committee needed to hear about that, as there is not a fiscal note available for SB 242-FN.
  - Mr. Berry said that an individual being able to opt-out would have an impact on funding. He said that there would be less funding available for a district because that data wouldn't be included in the information transfer. He said that was all DHHS could give at the time.
- Sen. Bradley asked DHHS to work with DOE on the fiscal impact as it would relate to adequacy funding. He said the Governor's Budget proposal included a large increase in the stipend for free and reduced lunches, which is a good and appropriate thing. He said he had heard that SB 242-FN would have an impact in the millions of dollars on education funding.
- Sen. Whitley said that adequacy funding is tied to how many children receive free and reduced lunch. She said that there is no control over that. She asked if children need support, and schools need support, and families are suffering, isn't it important to support them.
  - Mr. Berry said DHHS always supports more children being fed.

- Mr. Berry said that applications are not being taken by the federal government to join the demonstration project. He said the effective date of September 30, 2023 may be hard for DHHS to meet. He said they do not know when the applications will reopen for states.

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 17, 2023

# Speakers



# Senate Health & Human Services Committee

## SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023      Time: 10:30 a.m.

SB 242-FN    AN ACT relative to Medicaid direct certification.

Name/Representing (please print neatly)

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Sen. Whitley SD#15 (Prime)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney Rob Berry / <sup>Deb South</sup> <del>Don Terry</del> DHHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mike Appelberg United Way	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAURA MILLIGAN WASHINGTON SOLUTIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delliz Champagne SCAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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# Senate Health & Human Services Committee

## SIGN-IN SHEET

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SB 242-FN    AN ACT relative to Medicaid direct certification.

Name/Representing (please print neatly)

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## Senate Remote Testify

### Health and Human Services Committee Testify List for Bill SB242 on 2023-02- Support: 76 Oppose: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Smith, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Ryder, Misty	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Blaisdell, Daisy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Parr, Sean	An Elected Official	the Manchester Board of School Committee	Support
Coon, Kate	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Damon, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hackmann, Kent	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Spielman, Kathy Sue	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Watters, Senator David	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Jones, Andrew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Devore, Gary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lindpaintner, Lyn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Keegan, John	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Liscord, Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Walker, Deborah Klein	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Allen, Mary Grace	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bissex, Hannah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Thomas, A	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wessels, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hershey, Jane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Martin, Patricia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Moore, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
MacGregor, Leslie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Koch, Helmut	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DeMark, Richard	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DeMark, Harriet	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Istel, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gardner, Ada	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Purslow, Stacey	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Fogarty, Sean	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
San Antonio, Nadine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Perkins Kwoka, Senator Rebecca	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Burke, Joanne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Burke, Joseph	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Huftalen, Cameron	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hanisco, Chrissy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
van Bergen-Buteau, Kristen	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
McKinney, Dawn	A Lobbyist	NH Legal Assistance	Support
Phillips, Betsey	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Phillips, Chuck	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Westenhiser, Tara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Kigugu, Clement	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Raspiller, Cindy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Scott, Hannah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Brown, Howard	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Liberman, SHeryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gerrior, Jess	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Heslton, Hannah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Marsh, Amanda	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Richman, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Torpey, Jeanne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Meserve, Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Brennan, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Perencevich, Ruth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Dolat Bartlett, Christy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hinebauch, Melissa	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Spencer, Louise	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bishop, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lamphier, Regan	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Lenox, Jennifer	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Garland, Leane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Weingeist, Carol	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

# Testimony

## Cameron Lapine

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**From:** Sean Parr <sparr@mansd.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2023 3:32 PM  
**To:** Regina Birdsell; Kevin Avard; Jeb Bradley; Becky Whitley; Suzanne Prentiss; Cameron Lapine  
**Subject:** SB242 Supported by Manchester School Board

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To the members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Sean Parr and I am on the Manchester School Board where I sit on the Policy Committee and Chair the Education Legislation Committee. In this submission, I am writing on behalf of the Manchester School Board, which has authorized me to advocate that Medicaid be used as the primary calculator for free and reduced meals numbers for NH school districts. We are therefore unanimous in our support of NH's application for the Medicaid Direct Certification program as proposed in SB242. The current process for school meal applications is cumbersome and undercounts the number of students actually eligible for free and reduced school meals. Medicaid Direct Certification (MDC) would reduce administrative costs related to these applications while also increasing funding vital to feeding our students. This is a non-partisan issue that benefits all our students. In fact, many states already participate in MDC, from California, New York, and Pennsylvania, to Kentucky, West Virginia, and Alabama. Evidence from states who participate in MDC demonstrates its effectiveness: MDC improves low-income students' access to nutritious meals, while decreasing state administrative costs. Like these states, New Hampshire would benefit greatly from adopting MDC.

We ask that you support this bill. Thank you very much for your consideration.

All my best--Sincerely,

Sean M. Parr, PhD  
Manchester Board of School Committee member, Ward 2  
Chair, Education Legislation Committee  
[sparr@mansd.org](mailto:sparr@mansd.org)

## Cameron Lapine

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**From:** Dana Myskowski <danabiscotti@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 12:06 PM  
**To:** Regina Birdsell; Kevin Avard; Jeb Bradley; Becky Whitley; Suzanne Prentiss; Cameron Lapine  
**Subject:** I Support SB237, SB242, & SB265

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Senate Health and Human Services Committee Members:

Thank you for your service to our state.

I want to let you know I support the following bills for your consideration:

- SB237: Childcare for NH Working Families Act - because what helps our families helps all of us. And because it truly takes a village to raise a child.
- SB242: Relative to Medicaid Direct Certification - because let's save these poor families the added burden of additional paperwork. AND let's help their children eat today and everyday.
- SB265: Children's Mental Health Support in Schools - because if this had been in place fifteen years ago, our son would have benefited from the care. And because there are tons of other kids who are bullied and need mental health care. Plus there are many other reasons that children need this care and support.

Basically, what all these bills have in common is COMPASSION.

Please, Committee Members, please, please, please show your compassion in helping the children and families of our state.

Thank you,  
Dana Myskowski  
52 Willaby Colby Lane  
Warner, NH 03278

*"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."*

—Dalai Lama

Dana Biscotti Myskowski (she/her)  
Author, *I Cannot Play With You*, a Lyme disease mystery

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# Voting Sheets

# Senate Health and Human Services Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2023-2024 Session

Bill #<sup>SB</sup> 242-FN

Hearing date: 2/15/23

Executive Session date: 3/9/23

Motion of: Amend 0643s Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Birdsell, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Avard, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: OTPA Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Reported out by: Sen. Whitley

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# Senate Finance Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # SB 242-FN

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 03/21/23

Motion of: OTF

VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Motion of: OTF - Move 1067s

VOTE: 7-0

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Senator D'Allesandro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Amendments: OTF/A 7-0

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# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 242-FN**

AN ACT relative to Medicaid direct certification.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 0845s

Senator Rebecca Whitley  
For the Committee

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**SB 242-FN**, relative to Medicaid direct certification.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rebecca Whitley for the committee.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **SB 242-FN**

AN ACT relative to Medicaid direct certification.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

AMENDMENT # 1144s

Senator Regina Birdsell  
For the Committee

Deb Martone 271-4980

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