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### **NH Senate Approves Measure to Address Health Care Worker Shortage**

**CONCORD**—Today, the New Hampshire Senate voted to pass SB 308-FN. This bill takes a multitude of steps to address New Hampshire’s critical shortage of health care workers, including: increasing Medicaid rates; making appropriations to establish new positions and programs to develop and enhance the state’s health care workforce; increasing scholarship opportunities for students majoring in a health care field; and developing and enhancing programs offered in health care at New Hampshire’s educational institutions.

**Senator Cindy Rosenwald (D-Nashua), prime sponsor of SB 308-FN, released the following statement after the vote:**

“Across New Hampshire, a workforce shortage is slowing our state’s economic potential. There is no field where this is felt more strongly than in health care, where a lack of providers negatively impacts the health and wellbeing of Granite Staters and our state’s ongoing efforts to address the mental health crisis and opioid epidemic. SB 308-FN offers a holistic approach to bolster New Hampshire’s health care workforce, and I’m proud to see it pass the Senate today.”

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