



## NH STATE SENATE PRESS RELEASE

**January 28, 2020**

**Contact Name:** Sara Persechino

**Phone:** (603) 271-3479

**Email:** [Sara.Persechino@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Sara.Persechino@leg.state.nh.us)

### **Committee Votes in Favor of SB 646-FN, Ensuring Fair Billing for Health Care Services**

**CONCORD** - Today, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee voted 4-0 in favor of Senator Sherman's bill, SB 646-FN. The bill will require insurers to automatically lower Medicare premium rates when a qualifying individual turns 65. Currently, insurers are not required to send notification of the lowered premium rate resulting in unnecessarily higher out-of-pocket costs for the qualifying individual.

### **After the vote, prime sponsor Senator Tom Sherman (D-Rye) issued the following statement:**

"As legislators, it is our responsibility to protect our senior citizens from paying unnecessarily higher costs for health care. Unfortunately, we are seeing some insurance companies failing to notify customers of their right to lower premiums when they turn 65. By automatically requiring carriers to lower seniors' premiums rather than waiting for the members themselves to request it, we are ensuring that insurers are not taking advantage of our seniors who did not know that they were entitled to these lower premiums."

###