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Reproductive Health Parity Act of 2020 Sent to Governor

CONCORD - Today, HB 685, a bill requiring insurance plans which cover maternity benefits to provide coverage for emergency or elective abortion services, was delivered to the Secretary of State. It next goes to the governor's desk where he will have five business days to sign, veto, or allow the bill to become law without his signature.

Senator Cindy Rosenwald (D-Nashua) issued the following statement in response:

"Access to safe, legal abortion care is an essential component of reproductive health care. With the insurance market disrupted by COVID-19 and the Trump administration continuing to jeopardize access to reproductive health care, it is critical that we continue to put protections in place to ensure that everyone has the right to make decisions that are best for themselves and their families without the fear of crushing financial burden or discriminatory attacks. Last session, Senate Democrats led the charge to enshrine essential health benefits of the Affordable Care Act into state law and require New Hampshire insurers to cover infertility diagnosis and treatment. The Reproductive Health Parity Act builds on that progress and pushes New Hampshire to join the seven other states, including Maine and Connecticut that have already passed laws guaranteeing full reproductive health care and reducing barriers for women when making their constitutionally protected decisions. I urge Governor Sununu to support this important legislation and sign HB 685 into law."

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