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SESSION IN REVIEW

The House and Senate met on Wednesday to vote on Committee of Conference reports. Below are some of the more noteworthy bills:

SB 261, allowing the commissioner of administrative services to administer the health benefits of certain retirees of the State Employees' Association of New Hampshire. Passed (213-130)

SB 271, relative to retention of voter affidavits and identity verification. Rules Suspension (327-20) Passed (Voice Vote)

SB 345, repealing the prospective repeal of the annual public hearing and report on health insurance costs and trends. Passed (246-85)

SB 369, relative to the Medicaid Enhancement Tax. Passed (278-72)

SB 389, relative to the enforcement of motor vehicle laws by officers of the fish and game department. Passed (260-91)

HB 265, relative to establishing a voluntary hike safe card for fish and game search and rescue operations, relative to deputy fish and game conservation officers, and relative to the commission on sustainability of the fish and game department. Passed (Voice Vote)

HB 422, relative to the adoption, revision, and amendment of municipal charters. Passed (328-150)

HB 496, relative to driving privileges for certain first-time DWI offenders. Passed (310-28)

HB 1135, relative to penalties for driving without a license. Passed (252-86)

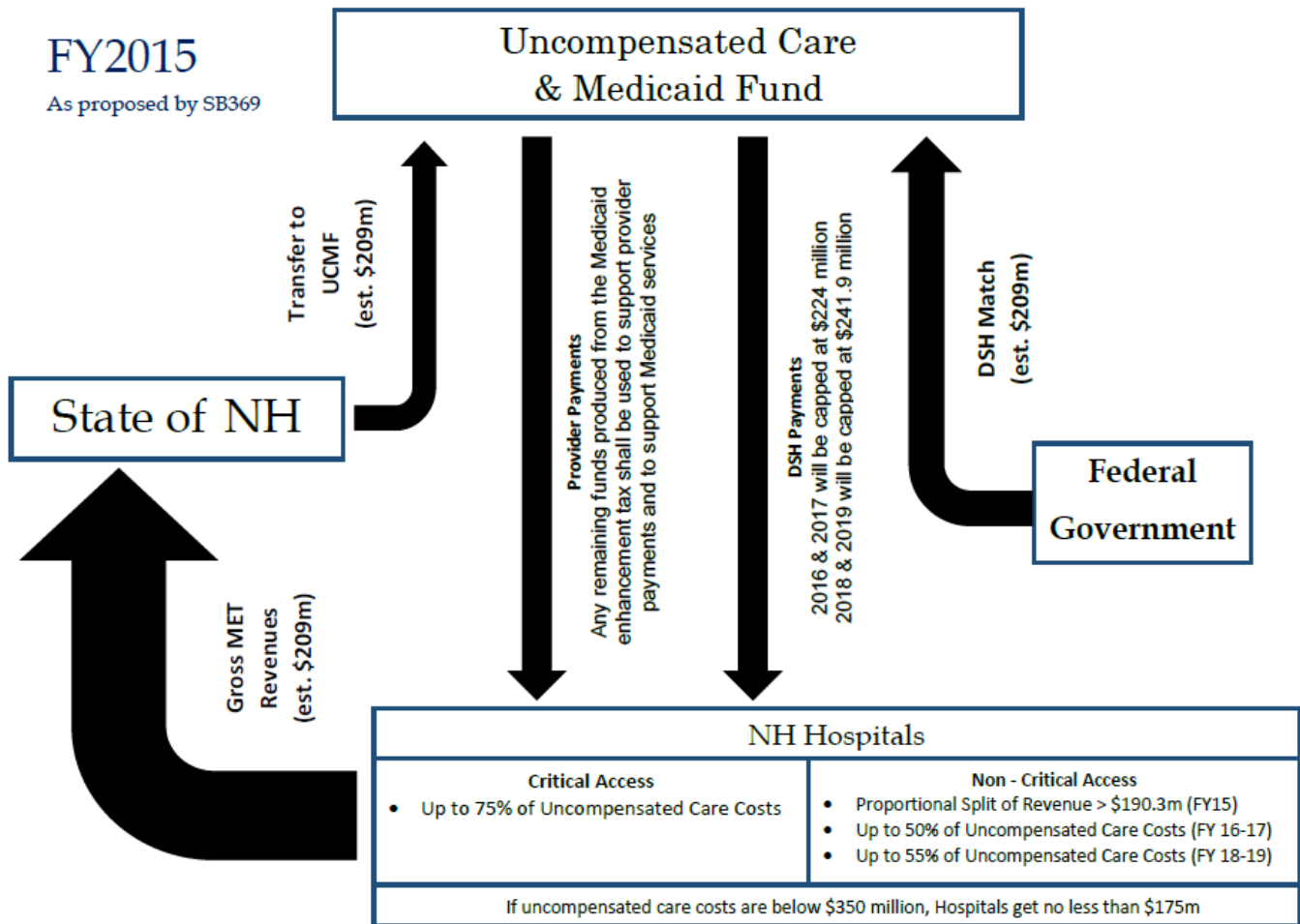
HB 1188, relative to paycheck equity. Passed (207-120)

HB 1282, relative to prepaid contracts for home heating fuel. Passed 209-98

Important Dates & Events

06/07/2014	Candidate Training – Exeter Senior Center 10am-2pm
06/13/2014	Candidate Filing Period Closes
06/16/2014	Committee to Elect House Republicans Golf Tournament

MET Settlement / SB369



The settlement agreement between 25 of the 36 NH Hospitals in the State does a number of things to both resolve the constitutionality question raised by recent court rulings and changing how the MET revenues are collected and redistributed.

- Clarifies the state's rational basis for taxing inpatient and outpatient hospital services
- Clarifies that the MET meets federal Medicaid requirements and support state funding for health care services
- Create a "fair and equitable" taxation system to generate healthcare funding that Hospitals will not challenge on constitutional grounds as long as the statutes are maintained as agreed
- No diversion of MET to the General Fund. Creates the Uncompensated Care & Medicaid as a dedicated fund for health care payments (uncompensated care and Medicaid provider payments).
- Freestanding Rehabilitation Hospitals are exempt from paying MET and do not receive DSH payments
- Sets the MET rate at 5.5% for FY2015, then reduces the rate to 5.45% for FY2016 and 5.40% for FY2017. If uncompensated care costs fall below \$375m thereafter, the rate will be lowered to 5.25%.
- MET must be paid by April 15th. The State will issue DSH payments no later than May31st.
- In FY15, Non-Critical Access Hospitals will split any MET revenue over \$190.3m
- In FY16-17, they will receive 50% of their uncompensated care costs.
- In FY18-19, they will receive 55% of their uncompensated care costs.
- DSH payments will be capped at \$224m in FY16-17, and \$241.9m in FY18-19
- Critical Access Hospital will receive up to 75% of uncompensated care costs
- In FY 16-19, if uncompensated care costs are less than \$350m, payments to hospitals will be no less than \$175m

Note from the Republican Leader:

House Republicans,

As the session has come to an end, I would like to thank all the members of the Republican caucus and the Leadership team for all of your hard work throughout the last two years. I would especially like to thank the House Republican Office staff for all of their behind the scenes work and extra efforts getting us ready each week and helping us be more knowledgeable on the issues.

Despite being in the minority, we have been able to make modest accomplishments to keep the Democrats in check. To those of you who are running for re-election, I look forward to seeing you back in Concord next session when we hold the majority. To those of you who are not, I'd like to thank you for your service to our state and Party.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer,

Gene G. Chandler

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The Committee to Elect House Republicans Golf Tournament

SIGN UP DEADLINE: MONDAY JUNE 9TH

Monday, June 16th
Wentworth by the Sea in Rye, NH.

Registration: 12pm
Shot gun start: 1pm

\$150/person

Includes: greens fees, cart rental, reception to follow

Contests will include: longest drive, closest to the pin, most honest score, and hole in one prize

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, please contact Gene Chandler or Katie Horgan at

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