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SB413: Where are the waivers?

(Not an endorsement, just some factual updates)

SB413 (a/k/a the New Hampshire Health Protection Program or NHHPP), the bill (now law) that expands Medicaid coverage to people making up to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL), contained multiple provisions requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for the necessary waivers, or State Plan Amendments (SPAs) with the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS).

Waivers and SPAs were necessary because the program is unique to New Hampshire. Because federal dollars are being used, and those dollars are tied to Obamacare, CMS must approve state specific programs first in order for the state plan to function as intended.

1115 Waiver

The Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver that was approved by the Fiscal Committee on May 28th. The waiver was explained to us as, "for the establishment of designated state health programs that are anticipated to bring up to approximately \$60 million per year into New Hampshire to fund programs to support mental health and substance use disorder services." The 1115 Medicaid Demonstration waiver is separate from the New Hampshire Health Protection Program, but the language requiring its submittal is in SB413. The waiver has been submitted to CMS, but has not yet been approved.

Medicaid State Plan Amendments

The Department brought forward to Fiscal a total of 5 Medicaid State Plan Amendments to implement the New Hampshire Health Protection Program. A state plan amendment is not a waiver. It is a document that amends our Medicaid state plan.

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Important Dates & Events

06/16/2014	Committee to Elect House Republicans Golf Tournament
08/20/2014	First Receipt/Expenditure Report due for candidates
09/15/2014	First day for incumbents running for reelection to file LSRs
09/26/2014	Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs
10/31/2014	Last day to file 2014 Interim Study reports
11/12/2014	First day for all Representatives to file LSRs

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The total number roll call votes missed by NH House Democrats in 2014. See page 4 to see the number of votes of your local Democrat missed.

SB413: Where are the waivers?

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The 5 SPAs consist of the following:

1. Alternative Benefit Plan (pertaining to including certain benefits for the newly eligible population that differ from traditional Medicaid, as required by Obamacare)
2. Cost Sharing (pertaining to mandatory HIPP, where the state will pay some of the costs associated with eligible people staying on their employer provided insurance)
3. Payment Pages (adding Substance Use Disorders and Chiropractic codes, both essential health benefits as required by Obamacare)
4. FMAP (pertaining to accessing the 100% federal funding for benefits)
5. Eligibility (modifying existing eligibility to include new coverage for those up to 138% FPL)

These five SPAs are pending at CMS. DHHS anticipates that they will be approved by CMS in the next week or so.

Timeline

Enrollment in what is called the “Bridge Program” should start as soon as July 1, 2014, assuming SPAs are approved. Those new enrollees will be placed into the existing Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), with the added benefits required by Obamacare. The Bridge Program will last no longer than until March 15th, 2015, depending on the approval and implementation of the Premium Assistance Program.

Once the Premium Assistance portion of the program is approved and begins, those who enrolled in the Bridge Program will begin to transfer from the MCO’s to a private insurance product available on the Health Exchange Marketplace (Medicaid.gov).

Those with access to employer sponsored insurance will begin to enroll in the HIPP program beginning as soon as the cost sharing SPA is approved. This program will have them stay on or enroll in private insurance coverage, and as long as it is cost effective, the State will help them pay some of the premiums, co-pays and deductibles associated with the plan.

All of these programs are scheduled to terminate no later than December 31, 2016, when the 100% federal funding level drops, unless the legislature acts to reauthorize the program(s). Although, as we’ve mentioned before, it would be somewhat naive to think that this won’t be a huge legislative issue in coming years.

ICYMI: Moody’s Lists NH Bond Rating as “Stable”

According to an article published on Friday by the [Union Leader](#), Moody’s Investors Services issued in its weekly report that the long term outlook has improved, however, the short-term financial pressure is not improved.

Although NH’s bond rating didn’t change, after the Supreme Court issued its decision finding the Medicaid Enhancement Tax unconstitutional, Moody’s issued a negative credit report for the state with a warning that the MET problem must be addressed.

An agreement was met last month and voted on as part of SB369. To see the changes in how the MET revenues are collected and redistributed, [check out last week’s Republican Review](#).

Note from the Republican Leader:

House Republicans & Friends,

As the filing period for the primary closes today, I wanted to thank all of you who have stepped forward to run for the NH House of Representatives.

Now more than ever it is important that Republicans regain the majority. It is time to stop the Democrats' agenda of wasteful spending and higher taxes that place a heavier burden on the backs of New Hampshire businesses and tax payers.

We look forward to working with you all as we work toward bringing fiscal sanity back to the House and ensuring that you all are elected.

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Acceptance/Rejection of Bills by the Governor

We have received a number of inquiries about the process to which the Governor signs or vetoes bills. Below is a brief summary of what to expect as the Governor receives the bills.

When a bill passed both houses, it is sent to the Committee on Enrolled Bills for the purpose of enrolling. This committee carefully examines the bill for any clerical errors.

Once the enrolling reports are read in each house and the bill is signed by the Senate President or the Speaker of the House, the bill is then sent on to the Secretary of State. From the Secretary of State, the bill is then sent on to the Governor.

If the legislature has not adjourned, the Governor has five days in which to sign the bill, veto the bill, or allow it to pass without a signature.

If the bill is vetoed, it returns to the body in which it originated with a veto message. In order to overturn the veto, it must have a two-thirds roll call vote in each body. If it is overturned, it becomes law without the Governor's signature. If either house does not reach a two-thirds majority, the veto is upheld.

If the legislature has adjourned, the Governor has five days (excluding Sundays/holidays) in which to sign the bill. If it's not signed, the bill dies, which is called a "pocket veto."

To see a list of the bills that have been signed by the Governor so far from the 2014, [click here](#).

2014 Missed Votes - House Democrats

Legislator Name	Party	County/District	Not Excused	Excused	Total	% Missed
Palangas, Eric	d	Hills/43	253	0	253	100.00%
Katsiantonis, Thomas	d	Hills/15	137	64	201	79.45%
Carroll, Douglas L	d	Hills/34	33	156	189	74.70%
Boisvert, Ronald R	d	Hills/45	9	172	181	71.54%
Helmstetter, Barbara S	d	Rock./09	1	179	180	71.15%
Burtis, Elizabeth B	d	Rock./06	57	110	167	66.01%
Aguiar, James D	d	Graf./07	3	163	166	65.61%
Dobson, Jeremy S	d	Hills/43	109	53	162	64.03%
Arsenault, Beth R	d	Belk./09	58	102	160	63.24%
Spainhower, Dale S	d	Straf/18	105	53	158	62.45%
Menear, H. Robert	d	Straf/25	8	139	147	58.10%
McCloskey, David	d	Hills/16	3	141	144	56.92%
Enman, Larry S	d	Coos/01	131	13	144	56.92%
Hunt, Jane J	d	Merr./15	31	105	136	53.75%
Lerandean, Alfred C	d	Ches./12	14	121	135	53.36%
Berube, Roger R	d	Straf/18	16	116	132	52.17%
Garcia, Michael A	d	Hills/34	122	10	132	52.17%
Andrews, Christopher R	d	Merr./23	45	83	128	50.59%
Kelley, John D	d	Hills/32	50	74	124	49.01%
Booras, Efstathia C	d	Hills/33	15	107	122	48.22%
Ward, Kenneth J	d	Straf/21	70	51	121	47.83%
Lefebvre, Benjamin P	d	Sull./01	27	93	120	47.43%
Emerson-Brown, Rebecca	d	Rock./27	29	91	120	47.43%
Ramsey, Peter E	d	Hills/08	33	80	113	44.66%
Rokas, Ted	d	Hills/12	62	50	112	44.27%
Ketel, Stephen M	d	Straf/17	23	85	108	42.69%
O'Hearne, Andrew S	d	Sull./03	0	105	105	41.50%
Hooper, Dorothea D	d	Straf/16	13	91	104	41.11%
Scarlotta, Joe W	d	Rock./31	71	33	104	41.11%
Rollo, Deanna S	d	Straf/18	10	92	102	40.32%
Pelletier, Marsha L	d	Straf/20	21	79	100	39.53%
Rhodes, Brian D	d	Hills/30	13	87	100	39.53%
Miller, David P	d	Straf/23	24	72	96	37.94%
Coulombe, Gary M	d	Coos/03	16	77	93	36.76%
Katsiantonis, George	d	Hills/17	89	3	92	36.36%
Brown, Rebecca A	d	Graf./02	3	84	87	34.39%
Kelly, Sally H	d	Merr./20	34	52	86	33.99%
Gardner, Janice S	d	Straf/15	39	45	84	33.20%
Pantelakos, Laura C	d	Rock./25	3	78	81	32.02%
Roberts, Kris E	d	Ches./04	33	45	78	30.83%
Pastor, Beatriz	d	Graf./12	46	30	76	30.04%
Johnsen, Gladys	d	Ches./07	18	57	75	29.64%
Smith, Timothy J	d	Hills/17	25	50	75	29.64%
O'Neil, William J	d	Hills/09	1	73	74	29.25%
Schmidt, Andrew R	d	Sull./01	12	62	74	29.25%

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Andrews-Ahearn, E. Elaine	d	Rock./37	11	62	73	28.85%
Burns, Scott A	d	Merr./02	4	65	69	27.27%
O'Brien, Michael B	d	Hills/36	15	53	68	26.88%
Hubbard, Pamela J	d	Straf/12	16	52	68	26.88%
Lovett, Sid	d	Graf./08	26	41	67	26.48%
McNamara, Richard D	d	Hills/38	2	64	66	26.09%
Nelson, Mary S	d	Hills/35	11	53	64	25.30%
Hirsch, Geoffrey D	d	Merr./06	0	62	62	24.51%
Soucy, Timothy A	d	Hills/34	5	57	62	24.51%
Kopka, Angeline A	d	Hills/28	18	43	61	24.11%
Vail, Suzanne M	d	Hills/29	0	57	57	22.53%
Young, Harry L	d	Ches./14	0	57	57	22.53%
Lavender, Tom	d	Carr./05	26	30	56	22.13%
Burke, Rachel B	d	Straf/02	16	39	55	21.74%
Burdwood, Greg	d	Straf/17	36	19	55	21.74%
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline A	d	Rock./30	4	50	54	21.34%
Thomas, Yvonne D	d	Coos/03	9	45	54	21.34%
Frazer, June M	d	Merr./13	15	39	54	21.34%
Gidge, Kenneth N	d	Hills/33	50	4	54	21.34%
Hansberry, Daniel C	d	Hills/35	38	15	53	20.95%
Williams, Carol A	d	Hills/14	52	0	52	20.55%
Theberge, Robert L	d	Coos/03	19	32	51	20.16%
Watrous, Rick H	d	Merr./16	7	43	50	19.76%
Rice, Chip L	d	Merr./27	12	38	50	19.76%
Beaulieu, Jane E	d	Hills/45	4	45	49	19.37%
Sweeney, Cynthia P	d	Sull./08	44	5	49	19.37%
Hatch, William A	d	Coos/06	31	17	48	18.97%
Patten, Dick W	d	Merr./17	9	38	47	18.58%
Irwin, Virginia	d	Sull./06	4	41	45	17.79%
Hackel, Paul L	d	Hills/29	14	30	44	17.39%
Carey, Lorrie J	d	Merr./26	1	41	42	16.60%
Myler, Mel	d	Merr./10	5	37	42	16.60%
Alicea, Caroletta C	d	Merr./08	30	11	41	16.21%
Muns, Chris	d	Rock./21	4	35	39	15.42%
Nordgren, Sharon	d	Graf./12	4	35	39	15.42%
Smith, Marjorie K	d	Straf/06	3	36	39	15.42%
Kaen, Naida L	d	Straf/05	16	23	39	15.42%
Piper, Wendy A	d	Graf./10	0	38	38	15.02%
Ley, Douglas A	d	Ches./09	6	32	38	15.02%
Hammon, Marcia	d	Coos/05	29	9	38	15.02%
Weed, Charles F	d	Ches./16	1	36	37	14.62%
Townsend, Charles L	d	Graf./11	1	35	36	14.23%
Bouchard, Candace C	d	Merr./18	3	33	36	14.23%
Sherman, Thomas M	d	Rock./24	1	34	35	13.83%
Sullivan, Daniel J	d	Hills/42	15	20	35	13.83%
Rosenwald, Cindy	d	Hills/30	0	34	34	13.44%

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Connor, Evelyn M	d	Hills/02	1	33	34	13.44%
Verschueren, James	d	Straf/13	1	33	34	13.44%
Karrick, David B	d	Merr./25	3	31	34	13.44%
Buco, Thomas L	d	Carr./02	17	14	31	12.25%
Grossman, Kenneth	d	Straf/04	3	27	30	11.86%
Tatro, Bruce L	d	Ches./15	5	25	30	11.86%
Shaw, Barbara E	d	Hills/16	14	16	30	11.86%
Butler, Edward A	d	Carr./07	21	9	30	11.86%
Cote, David E	d	Hills/31	3	26	29	11.46%
Spratt, Stephen P	d	Hills/04	2	26	28	11.07%
Gagnon, Raymond G	d	Sull./05	7	21	28	11.07%
Gile, Mary S	d	Merr./27	6	22	28	11.07%
White, Andrew A	d	Graf./13	6	22	28	11.07%
Jeady, Jean L	d	Hills/10	6	21	27	10.67%
Wallner, Mary Jane	d	Merr./10	12	15	27	10.67%
Benn, Bernard L	d	Graf./12	1	25	26	10.28%
Merrill, Amanda A	d	Straf/06	4	22	26	10.28%
Huot, David O	d	Belk./03	5	21	26	10.28%
Eaton, Richard S	d	Hills/38	26	0	26	10.28%
Heden, Ruth S	d	Hills/23	0	25	25	9.88%
Levesque, Melanie A	d	Hills/26	1	24	25	9.88%
Harriott-Gathright, Linda	d	Hills/36	1	23	24	9.49%
Parkhurst, Henry A	d	Ches./13	1	23	24	9.49%
Bartlett, Christy D	d	Merr./19	2	22	24	9.49%
Moffett, Howard M	d	Merr./09	3	19	22	8.70%
Gottling, Suzanne H	d	Sull./02	21	1	22	8.70%
O'Flaherty, Tim	d	Hills/12	21	0	21	8.30%
Gorman, Mary J	d	Hills/31	12	8	20	7.91%
DiSilvestro, Linda A	d	Hills/09	13	7	20	7.91%
Friedrich, Carol H	d	Graf./16	1	18	19	7.51%
Eaton, Daniel A	d	Ches./03	3	16	19	7.51%
Goley, Jeffrey P	d	Hills/08	3	16	19	7.51%
Shepardson, Marjorie J	d	Ches./10	3	16	19	7.51%
Schamberg, Thomas C	d	Merr./04	0	18	18	7.11%
Porter, Marjorie A	d	Hills/01	6	12	18	7.11%
Massimilla, Linda	d	Graf./01	0	17	17	6.72%
Grady, Brenda E	d	Hills/21	2	15	17	6.72%
Sad, Tara A	d	Ches./01	1	16	17	6.72%
Rogers, Katherine D	d	Merr./28	8	9	17	6.72%
Stevens, Audrey M	d	Straf/07	11	6	17	6.72%
Till, Mary L	d	Rock./06	0	16	16	6.32%
Smith, Suzanne J	d	Graf./08	1	15	16	6.32%
Knowles, Mary Ann	d	Hills/37	15	0	15	5.93%
Chandley, Shannon E	d	Hills/22	1	13	14	5.53%
Henle, Paul J	d	Merr./12	3	11	14	5.53%
Lovejoy, Patricia T	d	Rock./36	2	12	14	5.53%

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Campbell, David B	d	Hills/33	12	2	14	5.53%
Briden, Steven J	d	Rock./18	14	0	14	5.53%
DiMartino, Lisa	d	Belk./02	3	10	13	5.14%
Shattuck, Gilman C	d	Hills/01	4	9	13	5.14%
White, Syndi G	d	Carr./02	3	10	13	5.14%
Ebel, Karen E	d	Merr./05	2	10	12	4.74%
Wazlaw, Brian	d	Rock./29	1	10	11	4.35%
Harding, Laurie	d	Graf./13	1	9	10	3.95%
Mann, Maureen R	d	Rock./32	2	8	10	3.95%
Mulholland, Catherine	d	Graf./17	10	0	10	3.95%
Heath, Mary	d	Hills/14	7	2	9	3.56%
Bixby, Peter W	d	Straf/17	1	8	9	3.56%
Chase, Cynthia L	d	Ches./08	2	7	9	3.56%
Turcotte, Alan J	d	Merr./22	1	8	9	3.56%
Walsh, Robert M	d	Hills/11	1	8	9	3.56%
Spang, Judith T	d	Straf/06	3	6	9	3.56%
Sullivan, Peter M	d	Hills/10	0	8	8	3.16%
Ward, Gerald W	d	Rock./28	0	8	8	3.16%
Backus, Robert A	d	Hills/19	8	0	8	3.16%
Hammond, Jill S	d	Hills/24	5	2	7	2.77%
Richardson, Gary B	d	Merr./10	7	0	7	2.77%
Heffron, Frank H	d	Rock./18	0	6	6	2.37%
Tanner, Linda L	d	Sull./09	0	6	6	2.37%
Mann, John E	d	Ches./02	1	5	6	2.37%
Cushing, Robert R	d	Rock./21	6	0	6	2.37%
Long, Patrick T	d	Hills/42	6	0	6	2.37%
Raymond, Ian P	d	Belk./04	2	3	5	1.98%
Robertson, Timothy N	d	Ches./06	4	1	5	1.98%
Rogers, Rose Marie	d	Straf/22	4	1	5	1.98%
Leishman, Peter R	d	Hills/24	5	0	5	1.98%
Borden, David A	d	Rock./24	0	4	4	1.58%
Carson, Clyde J	d	Merr./07	0	4	4	1.58%
Brown, Pamela T	d	Hills/31	1	3	4	1.58%
Almy, Susan W	d	Graf./13	3	1	4	1.58%
Grassie, Anne C	d	Straf/11	3	1	4	1.58%
Ford, Susan M	d	Graf./03	4	0	4	1.58%
Williams, Kermit R	d	Hills/04	4	0	4	1.58%
Gage, Ruth E	d	Hills/06	0	3	3	1.19%
Mangipudi, Latha	d	Hills/35	0	3	3	1.19%
Phillips, Larry R	d	Ches./05	2	1	3	1.19%
Whittemore, Lisa I	d	Rock./05	1	2	3	1.19%
Manley, Jonathan F	d	Hills/03	3	0	3	1.19%
Ticehurst, Susan J	d	Carr./03	3	0	3	1.19%
Webb, Leigh A	d	Merr./03	3	0	3	1.19%
Moynihan, Wayne T	d	Coos/02	0	2	2	0.79%
Weber, Lucy M	d	Ches./01	0	2	2	0.79%

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Baber, William S	d	Straf/14	2	0	2	0.79%
French, Barbara C	d	Merr./06	1	1	2	0.79%
Walz, Mary Beth E	d	Merr./23	2	0	2	0.79%
Cahill, Michael D	d	Rock./17	2	0	2	0.79%
Berch, Paul S	d	Ches./01	0	1	1	0.40%
Butynski, William	d	Ches./01	0	1	1	0.40%
Cooney, Mary R	d	Graf./08	0	1	1	0.40%
Frambach, Mary E	d	Merr./21	1	0	1	0.40%
Gale, Sylvia E	d	Hills/28	1	0	1	0.40%
Schuett, Dianne E	d	Merr./20	1	0	1	0.40%
Cloutier, John R	d	Sull./10	1	0	1	0.40%
Davis, Frank W	d	Merr./20	1	0	1	0.40%
Higgins, Patricia C	d	Graf./12	1	0	1	0.40%
Horrigan, Timothy O	d	Straf/06	1	0	1	0.40%
MacKay, James R	d	Merr./14	1	0	1	0.40%
Moody, Marcia G	d	Rock./17	1	0	1	0.40%
Ratzki, Mario F	d	Merr./01	1	0	1	0.40%
Schmidt, Peter B	d	Straf/19	1	0	1	0.40%
Ames, Richard	d	Ches./09	0	0	0	0.00%
Burridge, Delmar D	d	Ches./16	0	0	0	0.00%
Donovan, Thomas E	d	Sull./04	0	0	0	0.00%
Flockhart, Eileen C	d	Rock./18	0	0	0	0.00%
Garrity, Patrick F	d	Hills/14	0	0	0	0.00%
Ginsburg, Philip E	d	Straf/06	0	0	0	0.00%
Gulick, Ruth P	d	Belk./01	0	0	0	0.00%
Jack, Martin L	d	Hills/36	0	0	0	0.00%
LaPlante, Roland H	d	Hills/35	0	0	0	0.00%
Lauer, Linda D	d	Graf./15	0	0	0	0.00%
Levasseur, Nickolas J	d	Hills/11	0	0	0	0.00%
MacKay, Mariellen J	d	Hills/30	0	0	0	0.00%
Malloy, Dennis J	d	Straf/04	0	0	0	0.00%
Perry, Robert J	d	Straf/03	0	0	0	0.00%
Schlachman, Donna L	d	Rock./18	0	0	0	0.00%
Schmidt, Janice E	d	Hills/28	0	0	0	0.00%
Shurtleff, Stephen J	d	Merr./11	0	0	0	0.00%
Sykes, George E	d	Graf./13	0	0	0	0.00%
Tilton, Joy K	d	Merr./03	0	0	0	0.00%
Winters, Joel F	d	Hills/18	0	0	0	0.00%
Woodbury, David	d	Hills/05	0	0	0	0.00%
Wall, Janet G	d+r	Straf/06	0	0	0	0.00%
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