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## NH Health Insurance Provider Networks

You may have heard/read that up to 4 additional health insurance companies will have plans available for sale in New Hampshire on the Obamacare exchange (Healthcare.gov) in 2015. The plans and networks are still in the approval process, but the NH Department of Insurance has released preliminary details, including what hospitals are planned to be in each insurer's network.

You may recall that in 2014, we currently only have one provider, Anthem, who offers plans that only cover 16 of NH's 26 Hospitals. According to the NHID, some of the new plans/networks will cover all 26 Hospitals, while some will still have a narrow network. Some are HMOs, while some are PPOs.

Neither the NHID or the insurers have released data on the rates for the new plans. That may come later this year. Anthem's reasoning for a narrow network was that in order to offset the impact of Obamacare's increased mandates in coverage and keep rates affordable, they'd need to offer hospitals greater volume for lower rates. If that's the case, we're anxious to see how Obamacare mandates affect rates for broader networks.

Assuming the plans are approved by both state and federal regulators, people may begin enrolling as soon as this fall for coverage beginning in 2015. We'll keep you updated if we hear more on the issue.

[Click here to view the NHID presentation with network details on pages](#)

**UPDATE:** In last week's Republican Review, we reported the enrollment period in the New Hampshire Health Protection Program would begin as soon as July 1<sup>st</sup>. This past week it was announced that it will instead begin on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Important Dates & Events

**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

## Note from the Republican Leader:

House Republicans & Friends,

With the candidate filing period completed, we have many new faces and Republicans getting involved to help us take back the majority in the NH House. Please feel free to send the Republican Review around to anyone you know who may be interested.

There's also ways to stay updated not only throughout the summer, but all year, on NH state government and all things politics. Sign up for Granite Clips, the House Republican Office daily news clips service. This is a free service that is a one stop shop to get caught on all the major stories. There you can also sign up for a daily email that will highlight the major articles of the day. Check out [www.graniteclips.com](http://www.graniteclips.com) to get started!

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## ICYMI: Agencies Make Requests for Next Year's Capital Budget

[This past week](#), the Governor had 2 days of hearings on capital spending requests from state agencies. The requests totaled \$227 million compared to the \$125 million approved last year for the current capital budget.

The largest spending request came from the University System of New Hampshire. They are seeking \$38 million to expand the UNH STEM program. This spending request is coming on the heels of the \$8 million USNH received in the current capital budget which they used \$1.5 million of that money to add lights to Cowell Stadium at UNH. After this, [UNH found \\$25 million](#) in savings to upgrade the stadium rather than make updates to academic or student buildings on campus.

The Governor cautioned the agencies that the spending requests are more than the state can afford.

## ICYMI: Gov. Hassan Vetoes HB1244

Last week the Governor vetoed HB1244, a bill that would prohibit the lottery commission from publicly disclosing the names of lottery winners. It was sponsored by Rep. Herb Richardson (R-Lancaster.)

In the Governor's veto message, she says the NH Lottery is built on public confidence and trust, and its reputation has been well preserved. The reason she gives for vetoing the bill is that accountability and oversight will be diminished leaving an "opportunity for corruption".

To see the full veto message from the Governor, [click here](#).

The House overturned the committee recommendation on the bill and voted 172-130 in favor of its passage in March.