

# INVESTMENTS IN THE HEALTH OF GRANITE STATERS

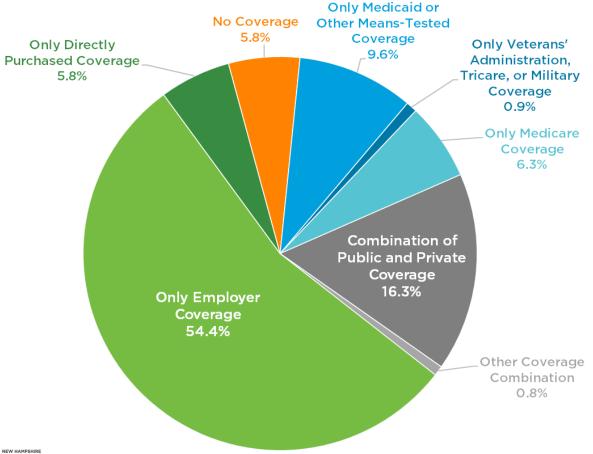
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#### ACCESS TO HEALTH COVERAGE AND CARE

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENT HEALTH COVERAGE BY TYPE New Hampshire, 2018-2022



- About one in three children in the state were enrolled in Medicaid, both in mid-2019 and mid-2023
- Only about 30 percent of residents with incomes below 138 percent of federal poverty guidelines (\$31,781 for a family of three in 2022) had some form of private health coverage in 2018-2022, 71 percent had public coverage

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program and American Community Survey, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Five-Year Data

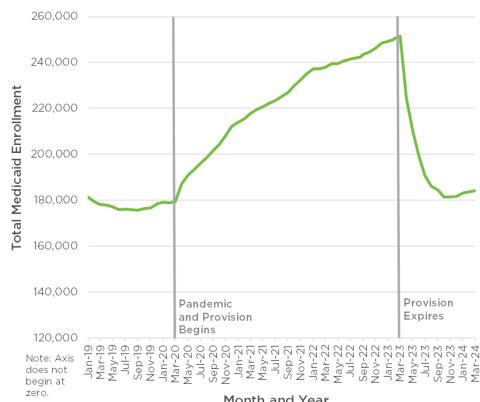
#### SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN MEDICAID **ENROLLMENT WITH POLICY SHIFTS**

- Medicaid continuous enrollment provision, which began in March 2020 with the pandemic, ended April 1, 2023
- One year after the provision's expiration, enrollment dropped by 26.7 percent from March 2023 peak
- Granite Advantage program for adults with low incomes had biggest increase and decline, 38.5 percent lower since March 2023
- More total Medicaid and Granite Advantage beneficiaries, similar number of children to pre-pandemic enrollment, fewer enrollees under 65 with disabilities

Source: NHFPI analysis of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Caseload Report data

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT PROVISION

End-of-Month Total Enrollment Numbers from January 2019 to March 2024





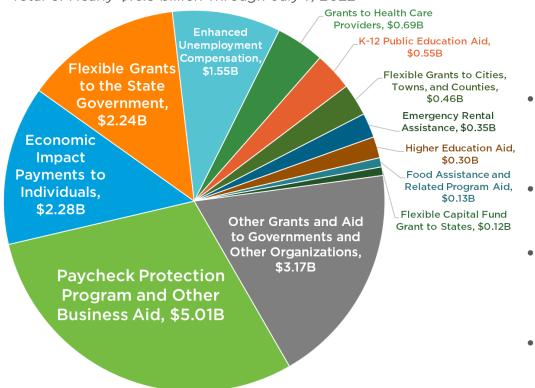
Sources: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Monthly Caseload Reports



## ABOUT \$17 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO NEW HAMPSHIRE, ONE-TIME INVESTMENTS

#### FEDERAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO COVID-19 IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Total of Nearly \$16.9 billion Through July 7, 2022



- Response to COVID-19 brought more federal support to economy, social determinants of health
- Most federal aid one-time, not all has been spent yet
- Larger than two-yearState Budget
- Equal to about 20 percent of statewide economy in 2019
- Included significant aid to businesses, individuals, education

Sources: Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Note: Sums may include small amounts of double-counting due to summation mismatches. Totals presented are derivations. Small amounts of aid to individuals are also included in the "Other Grants and Aid" section, including aid for funeral expenses.

Source: New Hampshire Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Federal COVID-19 Funds, New Hampshire Allocations, July 7, 2022.



## FEDERAL INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH DURING PANDEMIC, RESOURCES TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Enhanced federal Medicaid matching funds boosted by 6.2 percentage points for all services except Granite Advantage program (already a 90 percent match) brought \$403.2 million in federal funds to New Hampshire through end of State Fiscal Year 2023; enhanced match now expired
- Targeted enhanced federal match for investments in home and community-based services, \$87.9 million more available until March 2025
- Other key one-time funding increases (mutually exclusive funds):
  - \$693.9 million for providers, including hospitals and targeted funds for rural areas
  - \$198.4 million for testing, epidemiology, and laboratory capacity funds related to disease detection (including COVID-19)
  - o \$41.3 million to community health centers and rural health clinics
  - \$30.1 million to health workforce support and training programs
  - \$29.3 million for mental health and substance use disorders
  - \$4.8 million for family supports and abuse prevention, home visiting, and child and youth services (not including child care)



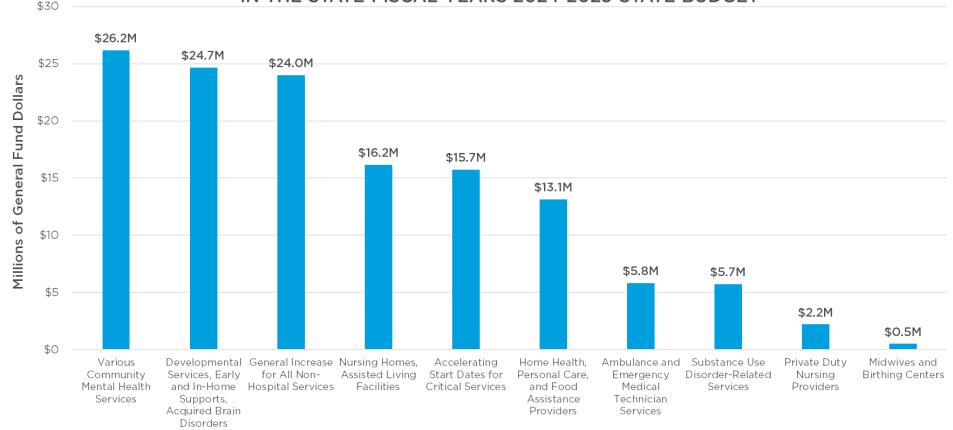
# STATE BUDGET MEDICAID COVERAGE AND BENEFITS CHANGES, OTHER SUPPORTS

- Reauthorizes Medicaid Expansion program for adults with low incomes, also known as Granite Advantage, through 2030
- Extends Medicaid coverage to a full year postpartum, additional coverage and assistance for families with infants, and new coverage for certain immigrant women and children
- Establishes and funds System of Care for Healthy Aging, designed to support long-term services and supports, including seeking a presumptive Medicaid eligibility waiver, enhancing access to services, and adjustments to resource limits and lookback requirements for eligibility
- Appropriates \$67 million for residential provider reimbursement rates for system of care for children to support behavioral health, as well as \$4 million to Family Resource Centers



### ABOUT \$134.2 MILLION IN STATE FUNDS FOR REIMBURSEMENT RATE BOOSTS

TARGETED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASES THROUGH
STATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS
IN THE STATE FISCAL YEARS 2024-2025 STATE BUDGET





Broadly-Defined Service Area Source: Chapter 79, Laws of 2023

### MORE FUNDING FOR OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

TOTAL FUNDING FOR CHOICES FOR INDEPENDENCE RELATIVE TO FEDERAL INFLATION MEASURE, PER ENROLLEE EXPENDITURE BASIS SINCE 2011, WITH 2025 PROJECTIONS

Total New Hampshire State Budget Appropriations, Not Net of County Contributions



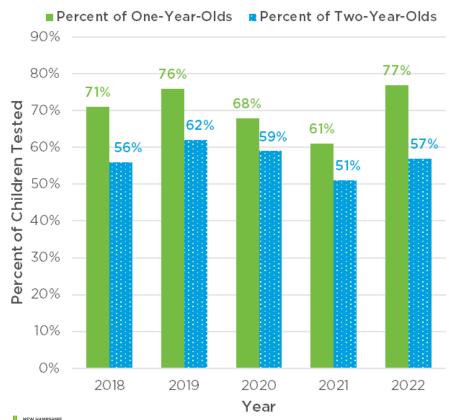
Notes: Projections constructed using U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services projected Market Basket values for home health agenices and ordinary least squares trendlines for enrollment in CFI home health and midlevel care based on enrollment from State Fiscal Years 2011 through February 2024. Data update completed April 26, 2024 with latest Market Basket data.

Sources: New Hampshire Office of Legislative Budget Assistant and Department of Health and Human Services; U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



### PANDEMIC BOTH A DIRECT AND INDIRECT CHALLENGE TO HEALTH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### BLOOD LEAD TESTING RATES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

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- 3,332 COVID-19 deaths in New Hampshire (April 19, 2024), more than 380,000 tested positive
- Substantial, widespread selfreported impacts on mental health, particularly for children
- More resources for many public health interventions, but reduced ability to physically conduct them due to COVID-19 constraints, such as for lead blood testing in children
- Enhanced access to resources for telehealth spurred by pandemic likely helps certain care delivery

Sources: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, What the Data Tell Us: Lead Exposure in New Hampshire 2022, March 2024 and New Hampshire Marks the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, May 11, 2023; Pew Research Center, Mental Health and the Pandemic: What U.S. Surveys Have Found, March 2, 2023; Nature Medicine, How COVID-19 Shaped Mental Health: From Infection to

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- COVID-19 pandemic created significant health challenges in New Hampshire, and also spurred profound federal investments in the health of Granite Staters
- Many federal supports were one-time or are time-limited and will expire soon
- Current State Budget makes substantial investments in health through funding for higher Medicaid reimbursement rates, expansions of coverage accessibility, and other investments
- Particularly significant investments in home and communitybased services for older adults and adults with physical disabilities
- Last four years were a period of substantial change with pandemic health challenges, Medicaid enrollments and disenrollments, and significant one-time investments





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