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New Hampshire Insurance Department Issues FAQ Regarding Coverage of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Testing

CONCORD, NH (January 11, 2021) – Today, New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID) released a Frequently Asked Questions document with information for consumers regarding coverage of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) testing.

PFAS are a group of synthetic chemicals that have been used for decades to manufacture household and commercial products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease and water. PFAS have been used in many consumer products, including non-stick cookware, stain-resistant furniture and carpets, waterproof clothing, microwave popcorn bags and other food packaging. Some studies of PFAS exposure in humans suggest that PFAS may cause various adverse effects on human health.

New Hampshire has several areas impacted by PFAS, including groundwater contamination at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth and water and soil contamination and air emissions from industrial facilities in southern New Hampshire.

“The state of New Hampshire has taken monumental steps over the past five years to reduce PFAS and other contamination in the drinking water of Granite Staters, including Governor Sununu signing the strictest PFAS drinking water standards in the nation, but we know that there is still work left to be done,” said Deputy Commissioner D.J. Bettencourt. “The need for Granite Staters to access testing for PFAS chemicals is incredibly important. The NHID is pleased to make this informational document available to help citizens better understand the role that their insurance coverage plays in testing.”

The Frequently Asked Questions document is located at <https://www.nh.gov/insurance/consumers/documents/health-documents/20220110-pfas-faq.pdf>.

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