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## Press Release



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### Statement from Governor Hassan on Executive Council Vote to Approve Family Planning Contract

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement after today's vote by the Executive Council approving a state family planning contract, including with Planned Parenthood:

"Today's vote is a critically important step forward for the health and economic well-being of thousands of Granite Staters.

"The fundamental right of women to access health care is essential to the economic security and vitality of our families, and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England provides critical primary and preventive health care services to thousands of New Hampshire women, including cancer screenings, birth control and STD testing. This contract reflects our bipartisan agreement with the legislature to fund these critical family planning services through the budget this biennium, and I am pleased by today's vote to support access to these critical health services for women and families across the state.

"It's troubling that women's access to reproductive health care is still the subject of ideological and political attacks, and we must not let up in our fight to ensure that women and families have access to the important health services that are essential to the economic security and vitality of our families."

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