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### Governor Hassan and Executive Council Approve Contract to Expand Substance Misuse Services for Pregnant and Parenting Women

CONCORD – Continuing her efforts to strengthen treatment and recovery services as part of a comprehensive strategy to combat the heroin and opioid crisis, Governor Maggie Hassan applauded the Executive Council's unanimous bipartisan approval today of a contract with the Greater Nashua Council on Alcoholism to provide treatment and residential services to pregnant and parenting women.

"Increasing treatment and residential service capacity for pregnant and parenting mothers is an important part of our comprehensive strategy to combat the heroin and opioid crisis and help save lives," Governor Hassan said. "This contract builds on our efforts to expand access to programs for pregnant and parenting mothers, and I applaud the Executive Council for their bipartisan support of these treatment and residential services for these women, which will also help more children remain in their mother's care. As we work to get resources out as quickly as possible to service providers battling this horrible epidemic on the front lines, we will continue to focus on increasing service capacity to assist pregnant and parenting women who are battling addiction."

The contract with the Greater Nashua Council of Alcoholism is the second of three state contracts to provide treatment, wraparound and residential services and supportive housing to low-income pregnant or parenting women experiencing substance use disorders. It is comprised of 100 percent federal funds and provides up to \$500,000 for substance misuse services for pregnant and parenting women while allowing children to remain in their mother's care.

In August, [the Governor and Council approved a contract with Hope on Haven Hill in Rochester](#) to provide substance misuse treatment and residential services to pregnant and parenting women, and the third contract expanding these services is expected at an upcoming Governor and Council meeting.

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