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### Governor Hassan and Executive Council Approve Contract to Expand Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Misuse

CONCORD – As part of Governor Maggie Hassan's comprehensive strategy to combat the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis, the Governor and Executive Council today unanimously approved a contract that builds on the State's efforts to expand access to medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders.

"Ensuring that people suffering from addiction can access treatment is critical to our comprehensive strategy to combat the substance misuse crisis and help save lives," Governor Hassan said. "As we work to support law enforcement and strengthen prevention and recovery efforts, we also know that treatment isn't one-size-fits-all and that medication-assisted treatment is an important option for people suffering from addiction. I applaud the Executive Council for their unanimous, bipartisan approval of this contract, which helps build on our efforts to expand access to medication-assisted treatment in New Hampshire."

Through \$1,125,000 in funds from the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery, the contract approved today in a unanimous, bipartisan vote will support an initiative by Bi-State Primary Care Association to expand community-based medication-assisted programs statewide.

Bi-State Primary Care will support health centers developing or enhancing medication-assisted treatment capacity, including efforts to increase the number of waived buprenorphine prescribers, increasing the awareness of and access to medications, and increasing access to programs through multiple settings such as primary care offices and clinics, specialty office-based programs and traditional treatment programs offering medication assistance.

Governor Hassan has been a [strong advocate for expanding access to medication-assisted treatment](#), including through [her work as Vice Chair of the National Governors Association Health and Human Services Committee](#). The Governor and the Department of Health and Human Services have also been working to [expand access to medication-assisted treatment for patients in New Hampshire](#), including efforts to help recruit and contract with physician practices to develop or enhance their [capacity to provide medication-assisted treatment](#).

[Earlier this year, Governor Hassan also announced an estimated \\$1 million federal grant for medication-assisted treatment in New Hampshire.](#)

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