

Recent Legislative Developments in New Hampshire

1. Senate Bill 239-FN (2023 Session) This bill aims to expand alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs to include harm reduction services. It establishes the Doorways Program to provide drug and alcohol abuse information, referral, and treatment services. The bill also incorporates recommendations from the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs regarding the use of opioid abatement funds and expands syringe service programs.

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2. Proposed Legislation for 2025 A bipartisan group of lawmakers and behavioral health advocates is proposing legislation to improve New Hampshire's substance use treatment system. The proposed bill includes mandatory certification for outpatient substance use treatment provider organizations and the creation of a Behavioral Health Specialist position within the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Ombudsman to investigate reports of abuse or misconduct by treatment providers.

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Resources for Staying Informed

1. New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) The DHHS provides updates on policies, programs, and services related to substance misuse. Their website offers information on recovery support services, prevention initiatives, and treatment options.

dhhs.nh.gov

2. New Futures New Futures is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates for health and wellness in New Hampshire. They focus on improving treatment and recovery services and provide updates on policy changes and advocacy opportunities.

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3. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) New Hampshire NAMI New Hampshire offers resources and support for individuals affected by mental illness and substance use disorders. They provide information on policy updates and advocacy efforts within the state.

naminh.org

4. New Hampshire Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs This commission develops and updates a statewide plan to prevent alcohol and substance misuse, focusing on youth. They encourage collaboration among state agencies and communities to improve prevention programs and promote treatment services.

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By regularly consulting these resources, individuals and families can stay informed about legislative changes and advocacy efforts related to addiction treatment. Understanding these developments can empower you to engage in advocacy and make informed decisions about treatment and recovery options.

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