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NEW FUTURES RELEASES DETAILED SCORECARD HIGHLIGHTING HOW LEGISLATORS VOTED ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICIES

CONCORD, NH – As New Hampshire’s next legislative session approaches, New Futures, a health and wellness advocacy organization, has released their [legislative scorecard](#) which reflects the votes of all state lawmakers on bills pertaining to health and wellness over the course of the 2016-2017 legislative session.

Although New Futures acknowledges that policymakers have taken significant steps to address substance misuse, healthcare, and early childhood in New Hampshire, New Futures and its advocates plan to continue to closely monitor all proposed bills related to their legislative priorities in the upcoming session.

Linda Saunders Paquette, President and CEO of New Futures, says that the purpose of the scorecard is to inform Granite Staters of how their representatives have voted on legislation aimed at addressing some of New Hampshire's most critical issues. "We believe Granite Staters deserve to have clear and accurate information on how their representatives voted on crucial, oftentimes lifesaving, health and wellness policy in Concord."

Paquette continued, "With the passage of critical substance misuse policy such as a Syringe Service Program and the removal of barriers to medically assisted treatment options, as well as the establishment of protections for child development such as a recently signed bill establishing rights for grand-families, we are hopeful that the upcoming legislative session will continue to build upon this progress and prove that effective systematic change in a bipartisan manner is possible in New Hampshire."

In the 2017-2018 legislative session New Futures plans to focus on priorities such as the reauthorization and permanent implementation of the New Hampshire Health Protection Program (NHHPP), addressing the state's workforce shortage, advocating for parity in health care services, and lastly, early childhood protections and interventions.

The legislative scorecard and more information on the policy priorities for New Futures in the upcoming legislative session can be found attached below and at www.New-Futures.org/issues.

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New Futures is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates, educates and collaborates to improve the health and wellness of all New Hampshire residents. New Futures Kids Count is a branch of New Futures focused on collecting and disseminating critical and reliable state-level data, policy recommendations, and tools for legislators, public officials, and advocates to advance positive policies for Granite State children and families. Learn more at www.New-Futures.org.