



PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT SYSTEM

SB 495 aims to support the health and safety of all Granite Staters by ensuring high-quality substance use treatment services across the state.

TREATMENT FACILITIES IN NH

Over the last decade, New Hampshire's substance use treatment system has grown significantly as the addiction crisis has spread. Dozens of organizations now provide treatment each year to tens of thousands of individuals in need. But without oversight by the State, the system is largely unregulated, leaving patients to navigate an uneven treatment landscape with programs and services that vary in quality across the state. To protect the health of individuals battling addiction, New Hampshire needs to strengthen oversight and ensure high quality, evidence-based services all across the treatment system.



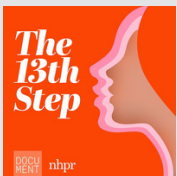
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THE 13TH STEP PODCAST

NHPR's *The 13th Step* podcast, released in 2023, details alleged incidents of sexual assault and other misconduct in one of New Hampshire's largest substance use treatment networks. *The 13th Step* revealed the need to strengthen oversight of treatment providers in New Hampshire to protect patients and ensure high quality services for all in need.



To learn more about *The 13th Step*, visit
13thsteppodcast.org

SB 495: THE POLICY SOLUTION

SB 495 proposes to improve New Hampshire's substance use treatment system by strengthening patient protections and ensuring high quality services. It includes two key parts:



Mandatory Certification

Create a mandatory certification system for substance use treatment provider organizations. This would require providers to meet certain treatment standards and become certified by the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services in order to provide services.



Investigations of Misconduct

Establish a Behavioral Health Ombudsman within the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services. This position would be dedicated to investigating reports of abuse or misconduct by treatment providers. This would also make it easier for patients, families, and staff to report concerns.

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