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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, the House Health and Human Services Committee voted 15-6 to recommend [HB 1513](#) inexpedient to legislate. HB 1513 would require the Commissioner of HHS to study converting the Medicaid program to a block grant. **Representative Lucy Weber (D-Walpole), Chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee**, released the following statement:

“Changing New Hampshire’s Medicaid program into a block grant would threaten our bipartisan Granite Advantage Health Care Program, which has been vital in combatting the opioid crisis in our state. Converting to a block grant would needlessly cap the funding New Hampshire receives from the federal government, reducing benefits and raising costs on the people of our state. It makes zero sense to voluntarily cut critical services, particularly when those services have proven so effective in combatting opioid crisis in New Hampshire.”

“Last week, the Trump Administration made clear its goal to encourage and advance Medicaid block grants nationwide, a blatant attack on the Medicaid program and its enrollees. Not only would block grants reduce overall funding for Medicaid and cut benefits, such grants could dictate which prescription drugs are covered and remove restrictions on out-of-pocket costs for Granite Staters, disproportionately affecting people with serious, chronic health conditions.”

“I thank the House HHS committee for its strong ITL vote today and hope the House follows suit in rejecting this dangerous proposal to cut Granite Staters health benefits.”

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