



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

June 7, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 5

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 7th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 5, an act making an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services for Medicaid provider rates for mental health and substance use disorder and emergency shelter and stabilization services.

This legislation provides for rate increases that would end July 1, 2019. Passing this bill might have made sense in January, but we are now less than 30 days away from its end date. Given that a new state budget will be in place soon, this bill is now redundant.

Rather than passing a collection of independent spending bills at random, we collect everything into the budget because it allows us to appropriately set priorities and ensure that we are living within our means. We have identified the funding in this bill as a policy worthy of consideration and therefore it will be discussed as a part of the budget process.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 5.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chitah T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor