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DURHAM, N.H. -- As presidential candidates keep America's health care system on the front burner for the 2008 elections, three health policy experts will speak about health care reform in Massachusetts and how it can inform New Hampshire policies. The panel, "Achieving Meaningful Health Care Reform: Lessons from Massachusetts and Implications for New Hampshire," is Friday, May 11, noon – 2 p.m. in the Squamscott Room at the University of New Hampshire's Holloway Commons.

Panelists are Michael Doonan, assistant professor at the Heller Graduate School at Brandeis University, executive director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum, and director of the Council for Health Care Economics and Policy; Ronald Preston, affiliate professor of health management and policy at UNH and former secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and Ned Helms, director of the New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice at UNH.

"As New Hampshire looks at health care reform, what we can learn from Massachusetts is important, both because we share population and because they led the nation in passing a comprehensive health insurance law," says Robert McGrath, panel organizer and assistant professor of health management and policy at UNH. One year ago, Massachusetts passed legislation that mandated individual residents to purchase health insurance or pay a tax. McGrath notes that panelists Doonan and Preston were directly involved with the Massachusetts legislation, and Helms's work has an impact on any reforms New Hampshire might undertake.

The panel is free and light refreshments will be served. To register, contact Chris Hamann before May 7 at chris.hamann@unh.edu or 603-862-2733.

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