

## Stewart v. Azar- What Does It Mean For New Hampshire's Medicaid Work and Community Engagement Requirement?

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Lucy C. Hodder, director of Health Law and Policy at UNH's Institute for Health Policy and Practice has written an article summarizing the recent federal court decision vacating Kentucky's Medicaid waiver including its work and community engagement requirements and discussing what it might mean for New Hampshire.

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Professor Lucy Hodder discusses the results of Stewart v. Azar and impact it will have on the soon to be active New Hampshire Medicaid work requirement.

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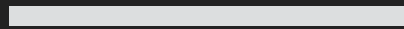
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This brief provides updates from the Insurance Coverage and Marketplace "Covering the Care Briefs" that were previously published.<sup>1</sup> This update also includes a special section focused on premiums and deductibles in New Hampshire.

## WHY DOES INSURANCE COVERAGE MATTER?

Individuals risk experiencing unexpected and high medical costs and often forgo necessary care when they lack health insurance. More than 3 in 4 uninsured adults said they or their family delayed or went without health care because of cost reasons in 2019.<sup>2</sup>

## INSURANCE COVERAGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The uninsured rate in NH has been consistent in recent years, approximately 6% from 2015 through 2019, down from almost 11% in 2013.<sup>3</sup> Nationally, the uninsured rate was approximately 9% in 2019. New Hampshire's rate of 6.3% in 2019 is higher than its 2018 rate of 5.7% while these are not significant

## FOCUS ON HEALTH POLICY RISING COSTS AND MARKET INSTABILITY

The cost of health insurance, in terms of premiums and deductibles, increased significantly between 2017 and 2019. This is due in part to the reality that the underlying costs to provide health care are high, and New Hampshire is a small state. The insurance industry attributes rising premiums to many factors, including:

- ongoing uncertainty about the future of the Affordable Care Act;
- the elimination of the individual mandate penalty by Congress in December 2017;
- lack of funding for cost sharing reductions;

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