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Senate Passes Insurance Improvements for Granite Staters

CONCORD, NH – Senator Dan Innis (R-Bradford) released the following statement today on the Senate passing SB 17-FN, SB 120-FN, and SB 132-FN:

“Increasing the scope of insurance coverage is vital in reducing out-of-pocket expenses and expanding access to care. These bills will reduce these costs by implementing insurance coverage for biomarker testing, and prosthetic limbs so that Granite Staters can get back to everyday life faster.

Co-pay assistance for prescription medication is also vital for people with high deductible health insurance plans. Ending insurer double-dipping helps patients get the full benefit of co-pay assistance and have that count towards their deductible. Biomarker testing is valuable in improving treatment and outcomes, avoiding unnecessary medical interventions, and reducing healthcare costs statewide. These bills will help individualize precision medicine for patients and make medical visits more effective, improving the overall health of New Hampshire.”

Background: SB 17-FN states that when calculating an enrollee’s contribution to cost-sharing requirements, the insurer or pharmacy benefits managing the amount paid by the enrollee or paid on their behalf. The bill includes limited exceptions for health savings account-qualified high deductible health plans if application of the requirement would result in account ineligibility under the Internal Revenue Code

SB 120-FN requires health insurance coverage for biomarker testing and requires state Medicaid plans to include coverage for biomarker testing.

SB 132-FN requires health insurance policies to cover prosthetics for New Hampshire residents that include activity-specific prosthetic devices.

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