HB 1811: AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire health protection program

History/Context:
NH first passed Medicaid Expansion to provide coverage for adults 18-65 with incomes up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level in 2014. This program was reauthorized in 2016. However, without another reauthorization the program is scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2018. Since its passage, an additional 125,000 NH residents have secured health care coverage under its provisions; with 50,000 individuals currently enrolled in the program.

Differences between SB-TBD and HB-1811
• 5-year extension vs. permanent program.
• Medicaid Expansion population moves to MCO (with improved screening for medically frail) vs. remaining in PAP.
• Eliminates “voluntary payments” from hospitals, but retains voluntary insurance payments as part of NHHPP funding mechanisms.

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NHNA’s Commission of Government Affairs is in favor of passage of HB-1811, provided that Senator Bradley’s bill has failed to pass.

A public hearing on this bill was held on January 11, 2018. Joan Widmer, Nurse Executive Director of NHNA attended this hearing and signed-in in support of this bill.

On January 31, 2018 the House Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs recommended to refer this bill for interim study (this is a way to place a bill on hold).

On February 8, 2018 this bill was referred to interim study (placing it on hold for now).