



**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services**

**Mission Statement**

To join communities and families in providing opportunities for citizens to achieve health and independence

**Responsibilities**

**To meet the health needs of New Hampshire citizens:** The Department of Health and Human Services recognizes its responsibility to improve access to health care, to ensure its quality and to control costs through improved purchasing, planning and organization of health care services. The Department will work to prevent disease and to protect and improve the health and safety of all citizens through regulatory and health promotion efforts.

**To meet the basic human needs of New Hampshire citizens:** The Department has a responsibility to provide financial, medical and emergency assistance and employment support services to those in need, in order to assist individuals in reaching self-sufficiency.

**To provide treatment and support services to those who have unique needs including disabilities, mental illness, special health care needs or substance abuse problems:** The Department has a responsibility to ensure access to quality community-based services for eligible individuals.

**To protect and care for New Hampshire's most vulnerable citizens:** The Department has a special responsibility to support those who, due to age, disability or circumstance, are at risk and in need of protection.