Notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire (NH) Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) is proposing to amend the Title XIX State Plan to update Supplemental Hospital Payments. Based on dates of service beginning July 1, 2022, the Department will make annual Supplemental Access Payments to Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) that provide essential access to hospital services. Each year the magnitude of these supplemental payments is determined and announced via an amendment to the CAH Supplemental Access Payment provisions of the NH Title XIX State Plan. It is anticipated that these Supplemental Access Payments will be paid in May 2023. For state fiscal year 2023, supplemental payments will not exceed the upper payment limit demonstrations, which are estimated to be $23,638,221.

Copies of draft State Plan pages will be available by September 1, 2022. Please contact Janine Corbett at (603) 271-9421, or via e-mail at janine.s.corbett@dhhs.nh.gov, to request copies. The amendments to the State Plan pages may undergo further revisions before and after submittal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) based upon public comment or CMS feedback. Comments will be due by September 15, 2022 and should be e-mailed to janine.s.corbett@dhhs.nh.gov or mailed to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid Services, 129 Pleasant Street—Brown Building, Concord, NH 03301-3857, ATTN: Janine Corbett.