



## **JOINT STATEMENT ON INTEGRATION**

*Amoskeag Health, Bi-State Primary Care Association, and the NH Community Behavioral Association work to address whole-person health*

**(December 8, Manchester, NH)** – Amoskeag Health, in collaboration with Bi-State Primary Care Association and the NH Community Behavioral Health Association, are engaged in a joint effort, funded by the Delta Center for a thriving safety net, to create and support systems of integrated primary care and behavioral health services.

Here in New Hampshire, we believe every resident deserves access to high quality, affordable primary and behavioral health care. Integrated care is all about ensuring residents have equitable access to the right care, at the right place, at the right time. Building collaboration between primary care and behavioral health providers helps to ensure the whole patient is cared for, and the entire care team is on same page supporting patients in meeting their care goals.

Research tells us that as much as 80% of a person’s ability to be healthy is due to what is happening outside of their medical provider’s exam room walls.

<sup>[1]</sup> This we know as Social Drivers of Health. When we integrate primary care and behavioral health services, the entire care team works to support the patient in meeting their health and behavior goals taking into consideration where they stay, work, play, and pray. We are committed to connecting the mind and the body as we serve Granite Staters seeking primary care and behavioral health care services and are striving to create an integrated system that supports residents in living their best, most healthy lives.

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<sup>[1]</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/sdoh/index.html>

Amoskeag Health is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) federally qualified health center offering high-quality, comprehensive, and family-oriented primary health care and support services since 1993. Amoskeag Health at The Dr. Selma Deitch Center for Children & Teens, formerly Child Health Services, is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of at-risk children. Through all of its culturally-sensitive programs, Amoskeag Health serves over 15,000 patients annually at five locations throughout Manchester. For more information visit [www.amoskeaghealth.org](http://www.amoskeaghealth.org).

