



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2026

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Hampshire Health Plan was held on Thursday, **February 12, 2026**, commencing at 9:29 AM via Zoom videoconference with each participant being heard by, and able to hear, all participants.

Meeting attendees were:

Finance Committee Members

Bruce King, Chairman
Brenda Golden-Hallisey
Elaine Koskela
Chris Kennedy (Joined 9:44 AM)

Other Parties

Michael Degnan – Helms & Co.
Kevin Stone – Helms & Co.
Andrew Luce – Helms & Co./Mason+Rich
Mark McCue – Hinckley Allen

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The September 18, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed.

No suggested changes were noted by committee members.

- **Motion:** Ms. Elaine Koskela made a motion to approve minutes
- **Second:** Ms. Brenda Golden-Hallisey seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Mr. Luce presented financial statements (Period Ending December 31, 2025)

Key Highlights:

- **Cash Balances:** GAP program trending higher than historical amounts due to increase in rate and assessable lives. RI program higher than historical amounts due to increase in assessable lives base, assessment rate was flat in 2025.
- **Reporting Changes:** None.
- **Accounts Receivable:** Differences due to increase in assessment rate and higher assessable base & no amounts outstanding from prior quarters.
- **Accounts Payable:** Differences due to timing/ground ambulance liabilities at 12/31/24.
- **Prepaid Expenses:** DHHS provided calc reporting \$450K prepaid.
- **Deferred Revenue:** United no longer carries deferred revenue balance
- **Assessments:** Covered lives exceed budget by 756,342 lives, increasing assessment revenue
- **Operations:** GAP performance better than budget expectations; RI performance better than budget expectations. Overall YE closed ahead of budget.

Committee members raised questions regarding the increase in covered lives, leading to a discussion. It was noted that a regulatory change at the beginning of 2024 expanded the definition of covered lives to include TPAs. As a result, reporting appears to be improving, with an overall increase observed in the assessable base.

PROGRAM REVIEW

Granite Advantage Program

- **Dashboards:** Reviewed, increased covered lives noted, as previously discussed, no concerns.
- **Cash Flow:** Cash flow is trending higher than originally budgeted. The Committee discussed the potential for a decrease in covered lives in 2026 and noted that a lower-than-budgeted level could be absorbed. Projections are currently based on an assumption of 550,000 covered lives per month.
- **DHHS Monthly Meeting:** Mr. Degnan provided an update from monthly meetings with NH DHHS (Henry Lipman, David Chorney, and Dave Moran), noting work requirements, semiannual redeterminations, and the likelihood of reduced participation. Changes take effect in January 2027, with 2026 expected to remain business as usual.
- **DHHS Sufficient Funds letter (December 19, 2025):** Reviewed correspondence from DHHS highlighting the program's sustainability, noting no projected shortfall of federal funds and indicating strong performance is expected through State FY 2026.

Reinsurance Program (Approved through December 31, 2030)

- **Dashboards:** Reviewed, increased covered lives noted, as previously discussed, no concerns.
- **Cash Flow:** Cash flow trending in-line with budget. Assumption of 550,000 covered lives per month used in projected cash flow in 2026.
- **CMS 3rd Quarter Report:** Mr. Stone walked the Committee through highlights from the CMS Third Quarter report and noted he is working on the annual CMS report due at the end of March. Overall, the report reflects a stable year to date and highlighted the challenges of navigating the program amid uncertainty around the continuation of enhanced advanced premium tax credits.
- **Notice of Award:** Mr. Degnan highlighted the Notice of Award, noting the \$34,066,714 grant for 2025, which will be paid out in 2026.
- **Projected 2026 Reinsurance Payment:** Mr. Stone reviewed the NH Reinsurance payment schedule, noting the estimated state funding amount of \$15,168,581 may change, potentially more favorably. He reported the total payment is currently expected to be \$49,235,295 and could increase, though the payment-to-claims ratio remains around 48% and is unlikely to reach 49%.
- **Actuarial Work Group:** The actuarial work group is scheduled to meet on February 19 and March 12. Liz Lief, NHHP actuary, & her team will attend both meetings prior to the March 19 Board meeting. The group is focused on forecasting state and federal amounts, reviewing cost trends, and confirming the reinsurance parameters for 2027. Ms. Leif has submitted information requests to the carriers in December.

General Program Discussion

Assessable Lives: The Committee discussed assessable lives, noting this will be the first year without health subsidies and that insurance rates are trending higher. It was generally

observed that individuals are not dropping coverage but selecting lower-cost plans. First quarter results will not be known until May 15.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS OVER \$5,000

- Reviewed payments exceeding \$5,000 (September 8, 2025 – January 26, 2026).
- Mr. Degnan noted he was satisfied with vendors and work performed.

Vote: approval of payments over \$5,000

- **Motion:** Ms. Golden-Hallisey moved to approve.
- **Second:** Ms. Koskela seconded.
- **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

AUDIT UPDATE

Mr. Luce reviewed the BerryDunn presentation titled *Auditor Communications to Those Charged with Governance*. He reported that year-end fieldwork is progressing as planned, with a few remaining open items. BerryDunn remains on schedule to provide draft financial statements to management in March for review in advance of the May 14 Finance Committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next finance committee meeting May 14, 2026

Next Board of Directors meeting March 19, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 10:12 AM