



**New Hampshire Hospital Association Board of Trustees**  
**Resolution on the Treatment of Substance Use Disorder in**  
**Emergency Departments Throughout New Hampshire**

*Whereas* substance use disorder is a significant public health burden to the people of New Hampshire, and

*Whereas* New Hampshire hospitals are often a crucial provider of care for people with substance use disorder, and

*Whereas* opioid use disorder continues to be a significant contributor to morbidity and mortality for people in New Hampshire, and

*Whereas* access to medication assisted treatment is the standard of practice as an opioid use disorder intervention that saves lives and provides a pathway to recovery, and

*Whereas* regulatory and other barriers for providing medication assisted treatment have been significantly reduced,

**Now, be it resolved** by the member hospitals of the New Hampshire Hospital Association that all acute care hospitals will implement the following in emergency departments by December 31, 2024.

- Offer medication assisted treatment to patients identified with an opioid use disorder.
- Offer Narcan upon discharge to patients with an identified opioid use disorder.
- Provide their best effort for facilitated referrals to substance use disorder patients to treatment and recovery services as part of a comprehensive discharge plan.