

Questions for Candidates

The following information and questions are intended solely for educational purposes and to help you discuss important issues with candidates for elected office. The information contained herein and the proposed questions do not, and should not be interpreted to, favor or oppose one candidate or political party over another.

Use these questions, or ask your own, as the successful candidates are only a short time away from engaging in a legislative debate that will impact Dartmouth Health and your community. Remember, this is entirely voluntary on your part.



Federal Office

HR1, or the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, not only made burdensome changes to beneficiary eligibility but also substantially reduced funding for the Medicaid program. Hospitals anticipate these will result in increased numbers of uninsured patients and further strain on finances.

- If elected, what would you do to increase insurance coverage and secure the viability of health care systems?
- What steps do you recommend to address Medicare Advantage challenges, particularly overuse of prior authorization and lack of transparency regarding supplemental benefits?

Many of Dartmouth Health's patients rely on Medicare as their source of health insurance.

- If you are elected to the federal office you are seeking, what will you do to ensure that Medicare is available and that all seniors will be able to access the medical care they need?

Researchers at Dartmouth Health are proud to be recipients of many federally supported research grants. The Administration has proposed significant changes to the research approval processes and oversight.

- Will you be an active champion at the federal level to ensure that there is robust federal funding available for independent medical research?

New Hampshire

New Hampshire has a unique opportunity through the Rural Health Transformation Program (part of HR1) to invest in rural health care.

- To what areas of need would you propose the state direct this funding?

New Hampshire is facing a severe housing crisis. Supply is 23,500 units short and median home prices have surged to approximately \$580,000 for a single-family home.

- What would you do to address this affordability and accessibility challenge?

Vermont

Health Care in Vermont is navigating many challenges including access, workforce, affordability and sustainability.

- What would you suggest the state do to address the shortage of primary care providers, especially in rural areas?
- How would you recommend strengthening rural hospitals and ensuring system-wide financial stability?