

Maternal health, Hospital consolidations and HCA's latest proposed hospital purchase in the Granite State

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Key Topics

Maternal Morbidity and
Mortality in New Hampshire

Healthcare Consolidations
and Labor and Delivery
Resources

HCA Proposes Purchasing
CMC

Maternal Morbidity and Morality

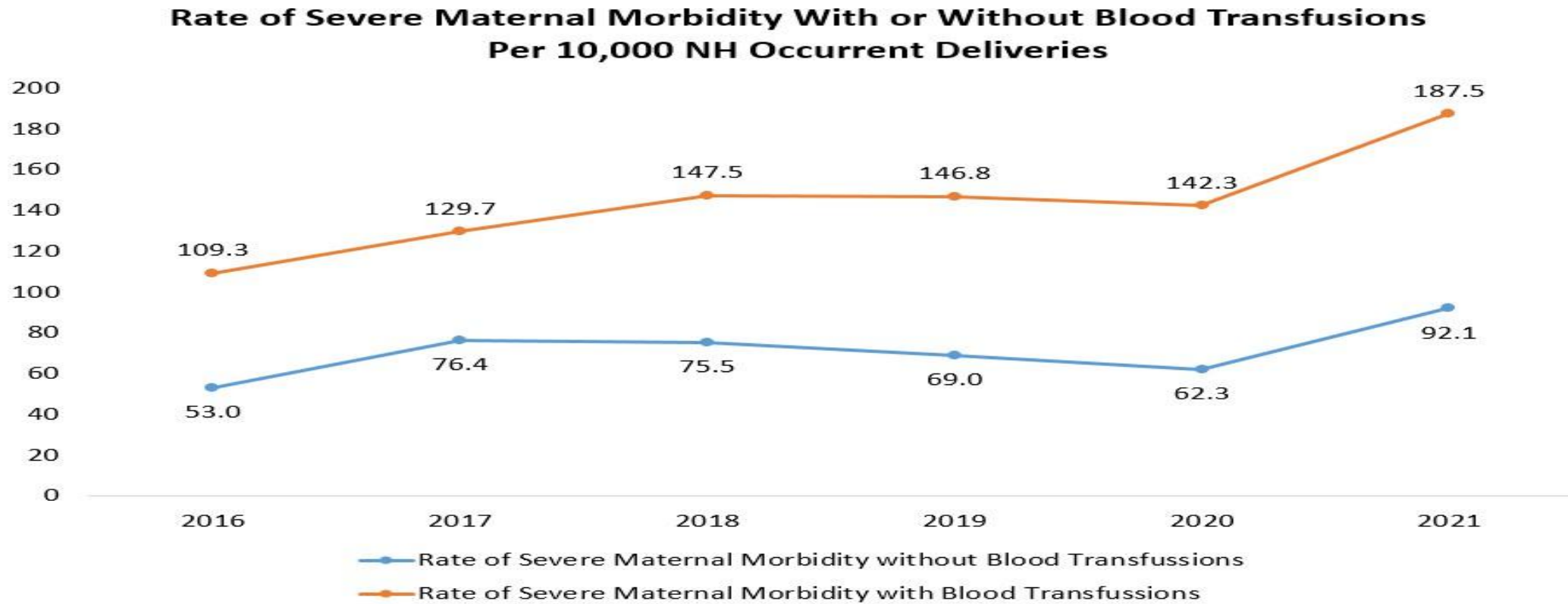
Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) in New Hampshire

SMM is a discrete set of life-threatening complications defined by CDC as unexpected outcomes of labor and delivery that result in significant short- or long-term consequences to a woman's health.

The rates of Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) increased significantly from 2020-2021 by over 30% for SMM with blood product transfusions and over 40% for SMM without blood transfusions,

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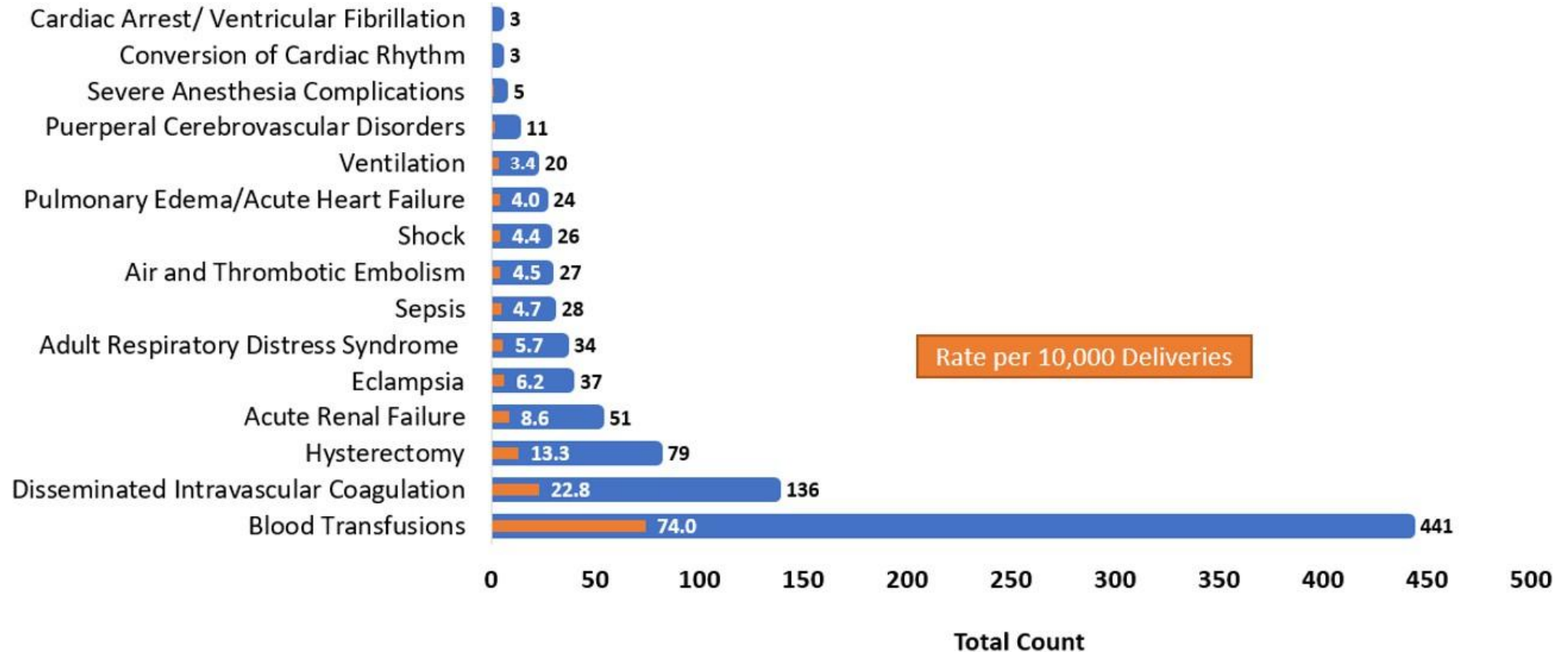
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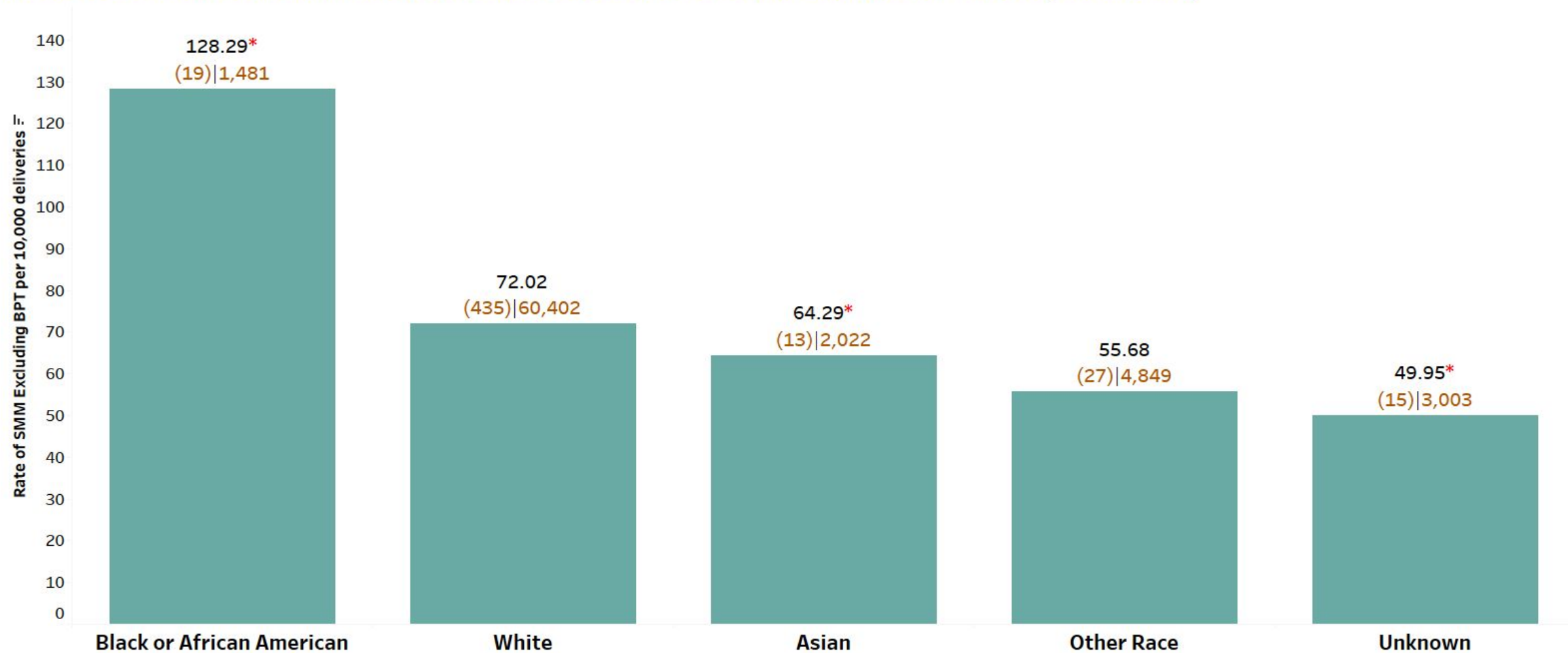
Data Source: NH Hospital Discharge Data

Count and Rate of Severe Maternal Morbidity Indicators, 2016-2020



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Rate of Severe Maternal Morbidity Without Blood Transfusions by Mother's Race (2015-2021)



*Rates with <20 events in the numerator are typically considered unstable.

Data Source: NH Inpatient Hospital Discharge Data Set

Specifications: AIM SMM Codes List 2022 [Implementation Resources for Maternal Morbidity Prevention | AIM \(saferbirth.org\)](#)

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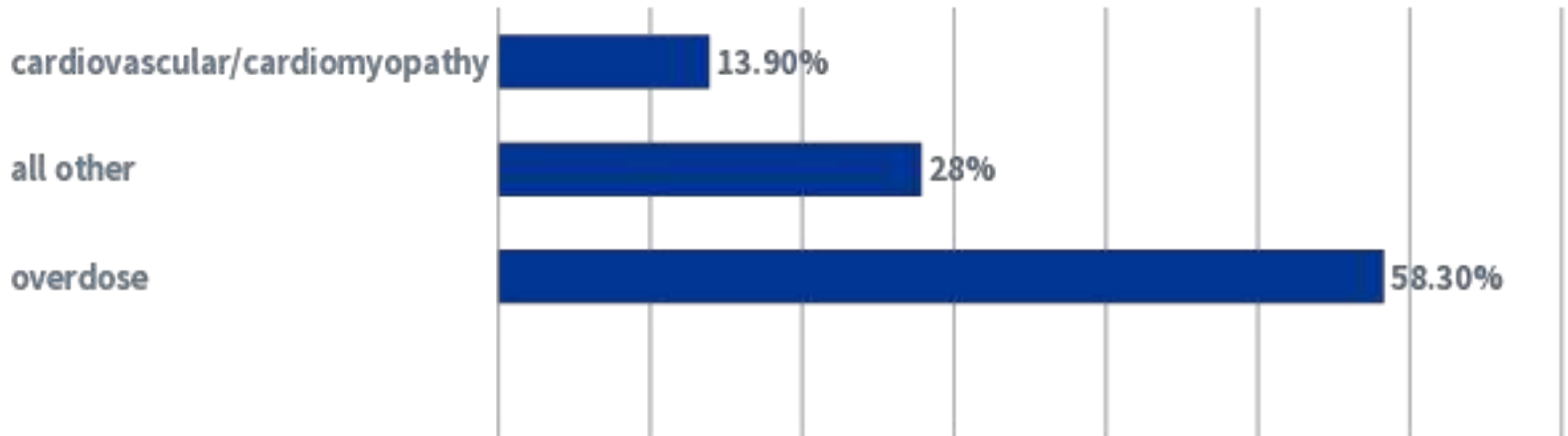
Maternal Mortality in New Hampshire

In 2010, RSA 132:30 and the accompanying rule He-P 3013 established a New Hampshire Maternal Mortality Review Committee (NH MMRC).

The function of the NH MMRC is to conduct comprehensive and multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths, identify factors associated with these deaths, and make recommendations for future system changes that improve services for perinatal people in New Hampshire.

MMRC publishes an annual report about pregnancy-associated deaths. Pregnancy-associated death is an umbrella term for all deaths during or within one year of pregnancy.

Causes of Pregnancy-Associated Deaths 2017-2022



***Other Causes:** Amniotic Fluid Embolism, Suicide by Hanging/Neck Wounds/Gunshot wounds, Hemorrhage, etc. the counts were small hence aggregated

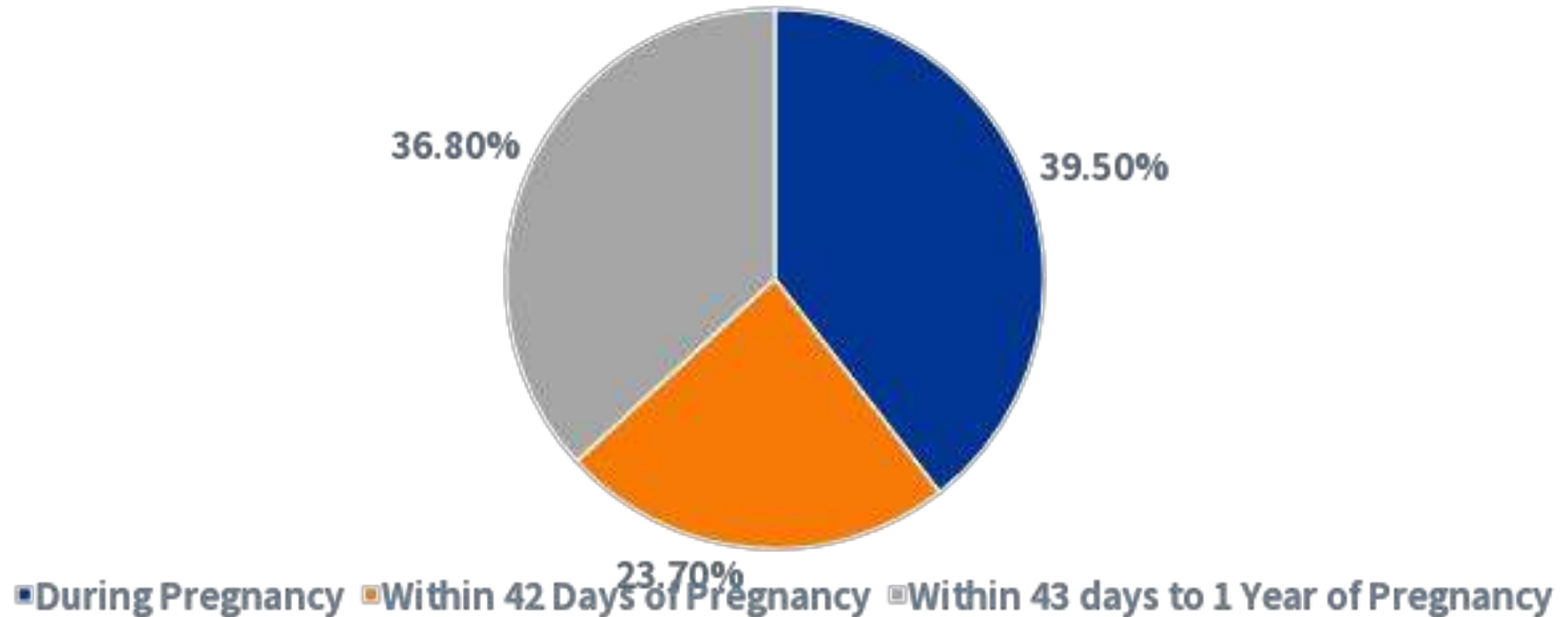
False Positive and out of state residents were excluded

Data Source: NH Vital Records and Maternal Mortality Review Committee and Vital Records Death Certificate Data

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Timing of Pregnancy Associated Deaths 2017-2022



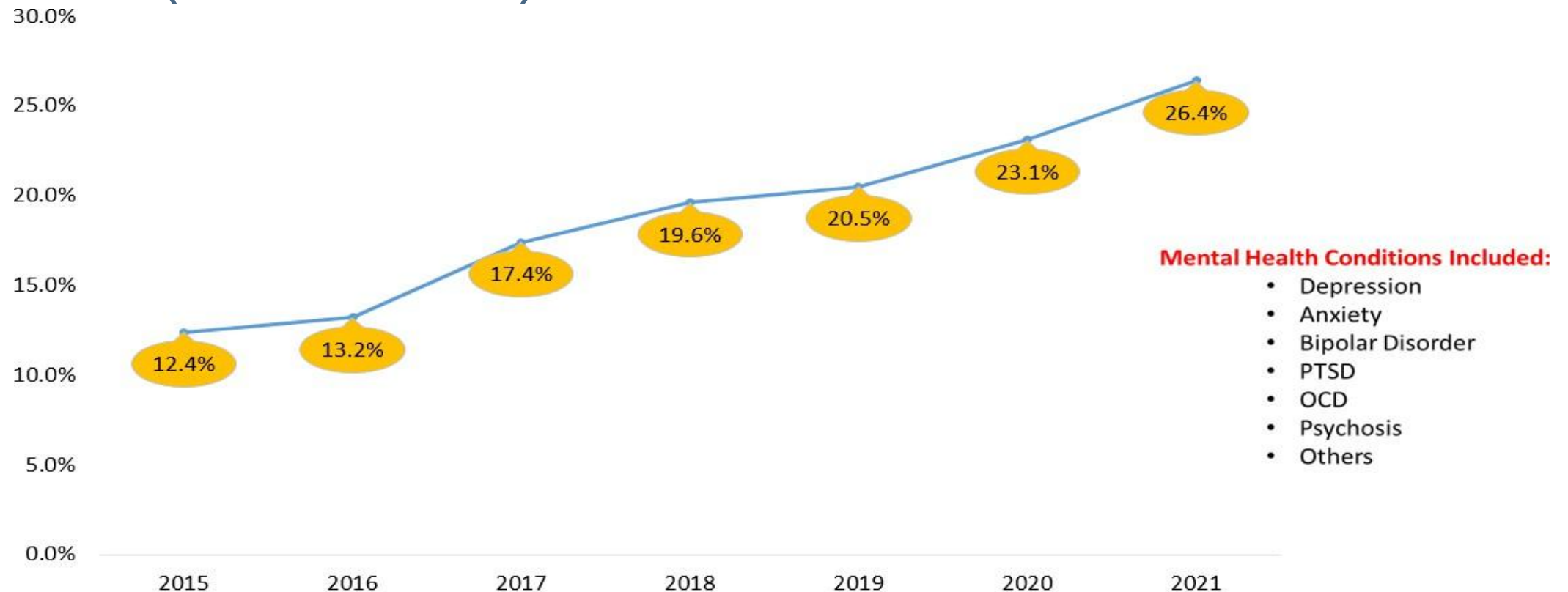
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Social Emotional Stressors Identified in Deaths 2017-2022

Social or Emotional Stressor
Substance Use Disorder
Psychiatric Hospitalizations
Prior Suicide Attempts
Unemployment
Involvement of Child Protective Services
Childhood Trauma
Domestic Violence
Recent Trauma
Pregnancy Unwanted

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Prevalence of Maternal Mental Health Conditions in NH, Hospital Delivery Hospitalization Inpatient Data (2016-2021) Occurrent Births



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Hospital Consolidations and Labor & Delivery Resources

Map of Hospital Transaction Activity in New Hampshire: 2010-2022

(requiring NH DOJ Charitable Trust Review)

Hospitals Not the Subject of Recent Merger Activity

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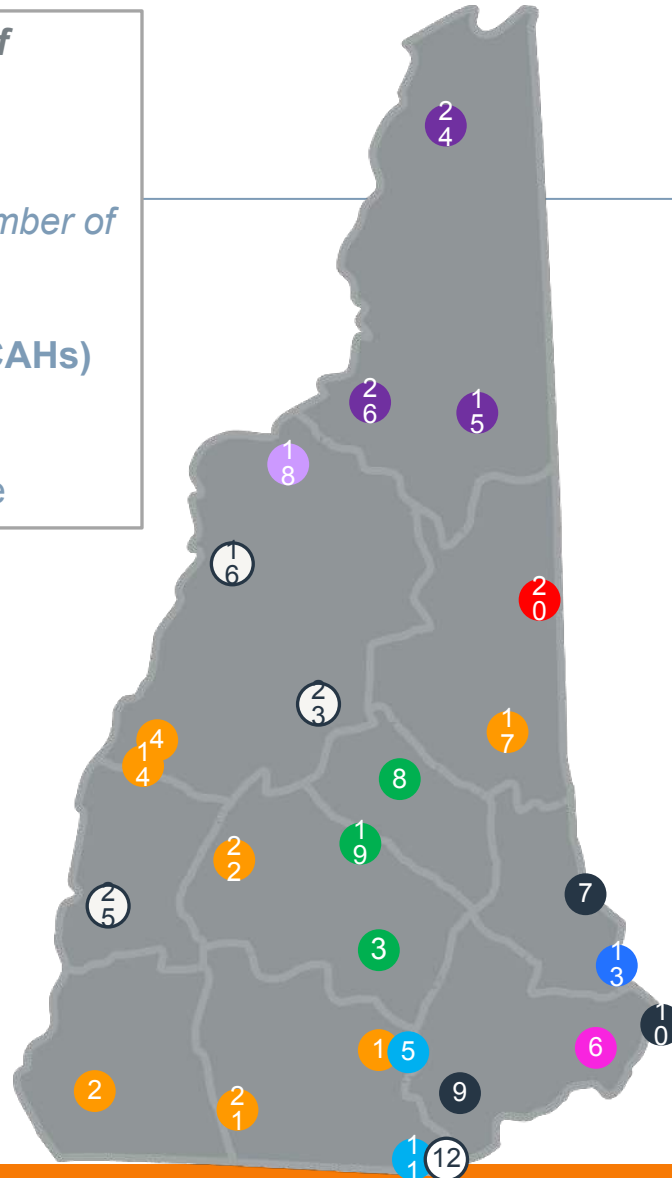
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Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

- 16 Cottage Hospital
- 23 Speare Memorial Hospital
- 25 Valley Regional Healthcare

Concord Hospital, Capitol Region Healthcare: 2021

- 3 Concord Hospital
- 8 LRGHealthcare/Lakes Region General Hospital
- 19 Franklin Regional Hospital (CAH); LRGHealthcare filed for bankruptcy 10/20; NH DOJ CTU approved CH asset purchase with conditions 3/29/21



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- 15 Androscoggin Valley Hospital (CAH)
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HCA Healthcare, Inc, TN

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SolutionHealth: 2017

- 5 Elliot Hospital
- 11 Southern NH Medical Center

Filed 12/31/19
Denied 5/13/22

GraniteOne Health

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Mass General Hospital (Partners), MA: 2016

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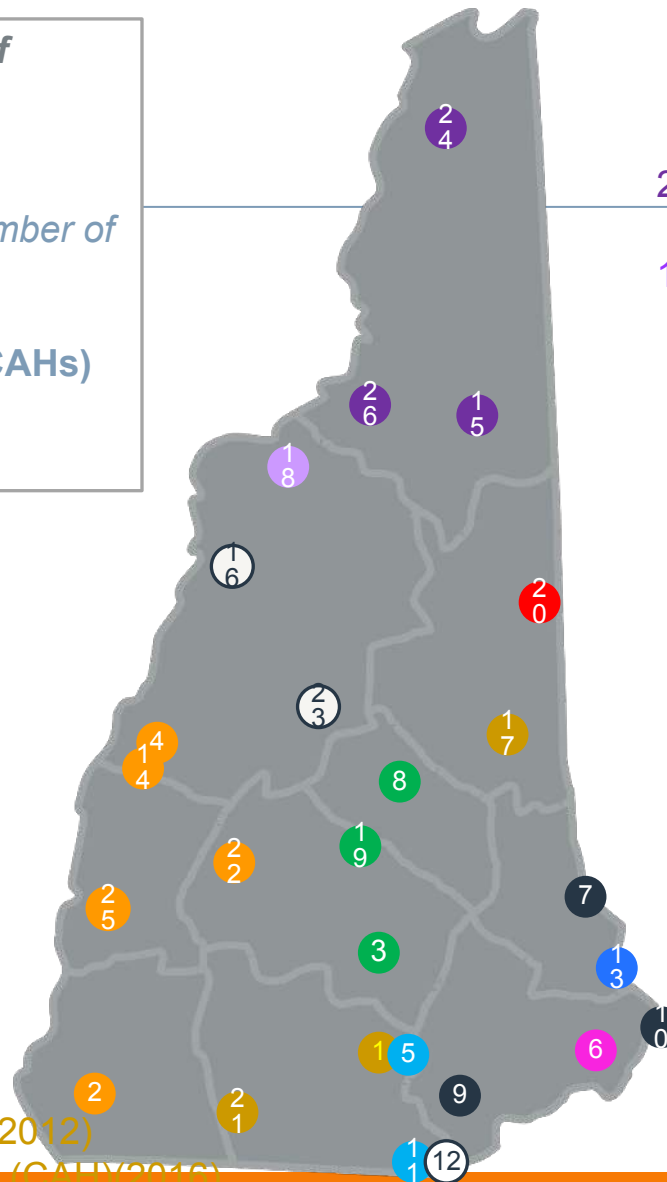
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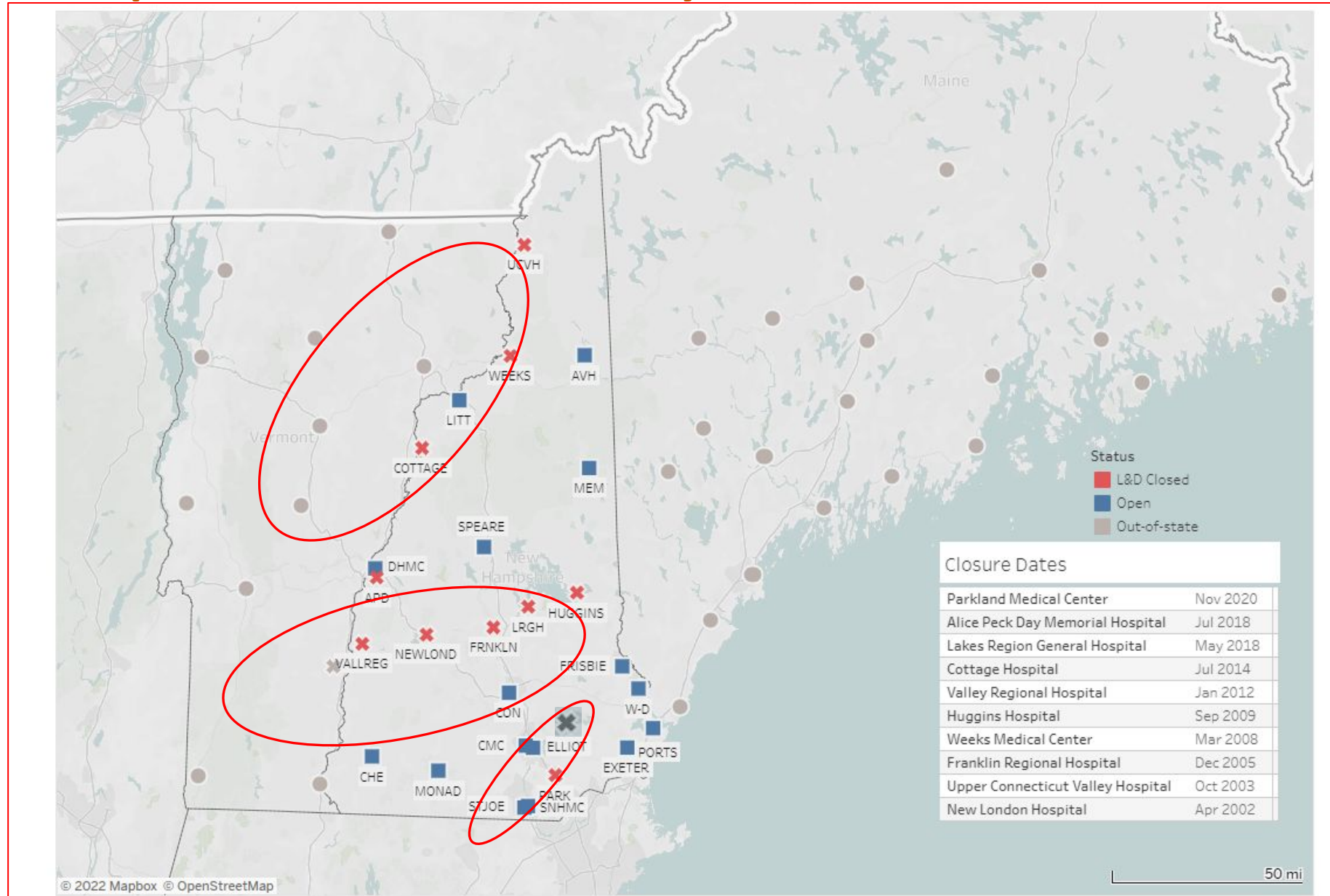
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New Hampshire Labor and Delivery Closures



HCA Proposes Purchasing CMC

HCA proposes acquiring CMC

On June 28, 2024, the Charitable Trust Unit of the New Hampshire Department of Justice received a [Joint Notice](#) of a proposed healthcare acquisition between

- Catholic Medical Center and its affiliates, a non-profit hospital system in Manchester, New Hampshire with a faith-based mission, and
- [HCA Healthcare, Inc](#), a for profit, [publicly traded](#) healthcare system corporation headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee (“HCA”) with a global reach.

Important details about HCA

HCA is the largest health system in the United States by number of hospitals and by net patient revenue (\$49.2 billion Net Patient Services Revenue in [2023](#)). HCA operates in 19 states and performs approximately 5% of all hospital services performed in the US. (A hospital system is a conglomeration of hospitals and professional providers all under common ownership or affiliation.)

HCA already owns three hospitals in New Hampshire, including Portsmouth Regional Hospital (1983), Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH (1983), and Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NH (2020). Purchasing Catholic Medical Center would provide HCA a dominant foothold in New Hampshire, where there are a total of 26 acute care hospitals.

What was the most recent New Hampshire hospital HCA purchased?

In 2020, HCA purchased Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NH. HCA agreed to a base purchase price of [\\$67 million](#) with the proceeds paid to a community foundation created in 2021, called the Greater Rochester Community Health Foundation (GRCHF).

The Rochester community was troubled when HCA decided to terminate labor and delivery services less than 2 years after promising publicly to maintain them for 5 years. A [post-affiliation agreement](#) was reached on March 7, 2023, regarding the labor and delivery closure with the NH Department of Justice, in which HCA agreed to contribute \$750,000 in new funds to GRCHF to support community needs.

What We Know About This Transaction

Several of CMCs assets and community programs will be excluded from the transaction including:

- Healthcare for the Homeless,
- The Poisson Dental Facility,
- the Manchester Doorway and
- **the Pregnancy Care Center (which includes Roots for Recovery, which is addiction care for pregnant and parenting people)**

HCA will not pay for these entities as assets of CMC, nor support them through ongoing operations.

HCA agrees to make a \$200 million capital investment in the hospital over a 10-year period, subject to a number of variables.

What We Know About This Transaction

The purchase price, set at \$110 million, will be subject to numerous adjustments and risks. The adjusted purchase price and CMC's payment will be used to fund a new charitable Foundation. CMC's donor restricted funds will also be contributed to the Foundation.

The Foundation will be formed just before the transaction closes, will initially be funded with \$30 million, will have a board of trustees and will be overseen by Bishop with a mission to improve health in accordance with Christ's healing ministry.

CMC-HCA Public Hearing is October 23, 2024 4:30 pm.

A public hearing will take place at Manchester Memorial High School, One Crusader Way, Manchester, on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

The public is invited to attend. Remote attendance through videoconferencing also will be available. Instructions on how to participate remotely will be posted when available to this webpage.

<https://www.doj.nh.gov/bureaus/charitable-trusts/catholic-medical-center-hca-healthcare-inc-proposed-transaction>

The Director of Charitable Trusts will continue to accept written public comments on the proposed transaction through November 1, 2024. Written comments may be submitted by email to charitabletrustsunit@doj.nh.gov or by regular mail to:

Director of Charitable Trusts
Department of Justice
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

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