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### **Senate Passes Bills Addressing Insurance Coverage Issues for Most Vulnerable**

**CONCORD, NH** – Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua) and Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead), released the following joint statement today on the Senate passing both SB 353-FN and SB 399-FN, relative to insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorder and down syndrome and relative to insurance coverage for blood testing associated with elevated lead levels respectively:

“As members of the Senate Health and Human Services committee, every week we hear heartfelt testimony from members of the public sharing their frustrations with different aspects of our complicated insurance statutes and their insurance coverage. These bills address two specific issues with existing statutes that are making life harder for some of the most vulnerable in our state,” said Senator Avard.

“SB 353 clarifies insurance coverage for down syndrome and autism spectrum disorder to ensure those individuals receive the coverage they need, and SB 399 ensures coverage for follow-up testing for those with elevated lead levels. Both bills make crucial changes to our insurance statutes to help our most vulnerable residents get the insurance coverage they need,” said Senator Birdsell.

“We are grateful for the bipartisan support from our Senate colleagues today in passing these pieces of legislation,” Senator Avard added.

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