

Governor Ayotte Signs Historic Legislation Expanding Access to Life-Changing Prosthetic Care for Granite Staters

Concord, New Hampshire, July 14, 2026- Yesterday, Governor Kelly Ayotte signed into law [SB 408](#), groundbreaking legislation that expands equitable access to prosthetic devices for nearly 9,000 Granite Staters with limb loss and limb difference.

Under this transformative legislation, commercial health insurance policies will be required to provide coverage for activity-specific prosthetic devices for adults so that they can engage in physical activities like running, biking and swimming. A previous version of the law passed in 2024 requiring such coverage for children's prosthetic devices. The passage of this law means that individuals with limb loss or limb difference will gain access to the full spectrum of prosthetic care they need to thrive; from devices that enable essential daily activities like bathing and working to activity-specific devices that unlock the joy of sports, recreation, and maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle.

"I'm grateful to everyone who helped make SB 408 a reality for many Granite Staters and to Governor Ayotte for signing this bill into law," said the bill's primary sponsor, Senator William Gannon. "This effort expands access to prosthetic devices and addresses a significant gap in health coverage. Not only does this help more residents get the care they need to maintain their quality of life, but it also represents independence and dignity."

"Access to appropriate prosthetic care is not a luxury; it is a necessity and a fundamental right," said Maggie Baumer, SEBCM National Legislative Affairs Lead and Leader of Enterprise Patient Advocacy at Hanger Clinic. "Legislation such as this is smart policy and good healthcare economics. By removing barriers to care, we are helping more people have access to the devices they need to live independently, stay active, reach their full potential, and thrive."

You can find Governor Ayotte's press release including photos from the event today [HERE](#).

Why This Matters

More than 2 million Americans live with limb loss, and millions more navigate life with limb differences. However, many lack access to the full range of prosthetic and orthotic devices they need. Insurance coverage often limits access to basic mobility devices, leaving people unable to participate in activities they love or need for quality of life. SB 408 addresses this critical gap by ensuring comprehensive prosthetic coverage that recognizes both the functional and recreational needs of people with limb loss and limb difference.

This legislation represents more than policy change; it demonstrates that New Hampshire values the full and active participation of all its citizens.

About So Every BODY Can Move

[So Every BODY Can Move](#) is a national advocacy initiative committed to advancing equitable access to prosthetic and orthotic care. The coalition believes that movement is medicine and that physical activity is a right, not a privilege. Through strategic advocacy at the state level, SEBCM aims to secure legislation in 28 states by the 2028 Paralympics, ensuring that people with limb loss and limb difference can live fully active lives.

Ultimately, SEBCM aims to pass legislation in all 50 states, as well as legislation at the federal level, to ensure access to appropriate prosthetic and orthotic care for people with all insurance types.

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