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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Fund for a Healthy Maine

Enacted

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Not Enacted

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| LD 1523 | An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine | Died On Adjournment |
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Not Enacted

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	LD 1424	Resolve, To Change the Educational Requirements of Behavioral Health Professionals Providing Services for Children	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1573	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues	Died On Adjournment
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	LD 1915	An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services	Died On Adjournment

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Maternal/Infant

Enacted

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Medicaid/MaineCare

Enacted

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LD 684	Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use	RESOLVE 171
LD 811	An Act To Protect the Reproductive Rights and Freedoms of Maine People	PUBLIC 738
LD 1386	Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care	RESOLVE 180
LD 1781	An Act To Align Postpartum MaineCare Coverage with Federal Law	PUBLIC 519
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LD 74	Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities	Died On Adjournment
LD 250	An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	Died On Adjournment
LD 415	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services and To Expand Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services for Adults with Substance Use Disorder	Died On Adjournment
LD 432	Resolve, To Improve Behavioral Health Care for Children	Died On Adjournment

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LD 996	An Act To Improve Dental Health Access for Maine Children and Adults with Low Incomes	Died On Adjournment
LD 1112	Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Homes	Died On Adjournment
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LD 1501	An Act To Protect Oral Health for Children in Maine	Died On Adjournment
LD 1528	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Certain Home-based Services	Died On Adjournment
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LD 1866	An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access After-school Services	ONTP
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LD 1877	An Act To Prohibit Prior Authorization Requirements and Step Therapy Protocols for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness for MaineCare Recipients	Died On Adjournment

Miscellaneous

Enacted

LD 1771	Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State	RESOLVE 177
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Not Enacted

LD 1582	An Act To Enact the Maine Psilocybin Services Act	Died Between Houses
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Opioid Settlements

Enacted

LD 1722	An Act To Ensure Access to All Paths to Recovery for Persons Affected by Opioids Using Money Obtained through Litigation against Opioid Manufacturers	PUBLIC 661
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Oral Health/Dental Care

Not Enacted

LD 996	An Act To Improve Dental Health Access for Maine Children and Adults with Low Incomes	Died On Adjournment
LD 1501	An Act To Protect Oral Health for Children in Maine	Died On Adjournment

Poverty and Homelessness

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1076	An Act To Support the Operations of Youth Shelters in Maine	Died On Adjournment
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Enacted

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Enacted**

LD 1877	An Act To Prohibit Prior Authorization Requirements and Step Therapy Protocols for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness for MaineCare Recipients	Died On Adjournment
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LD 1748	An Act To Improve the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and To Improve the So-called Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive Report	PUBLIC 648
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Enacted

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LD 1747	An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants	PUBLIC 698
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	LD 1570	An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Maine Residents	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1693	An Act To Advance Health Equity and Improve the Well-being of All Maine People	Died On Adjournment

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	LD 1059	An Act To Provide Substance Use Disorder Treatment to Adolescents	ONTP
	LD 1135	An Act Regarding Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services and Increasing Reimbursement Rates for Those Services	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1860	An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Telemedicine

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Not Enacted	LD 1543	An Act To Improve and Modernize Home-based Care	Died On Adjournment

Tobacco Sale and Use

Enacted

LD 1868 An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program PUBLIC 748

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1550 An Act To End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products Died On Adjournment

Waitlists

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1360 An Act To Provide Services to Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens by Eliminating the Waiting Lists for Certain MaineCare Services Died On Adjournment

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Health and Human Services (HHS)

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HHS	17	Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	74	Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	85	An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	3/24/21	Enacted	PL	708	
HHS	197	Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	250	An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/17/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	296	Resolve, To Create the Family Caregiver Grant Pilot Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	343	Resolve, To Review Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Spending	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	3/29/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	159	
HHS	372	An Act To Establish the Hospital System Loan Fund Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	3/29/22	Emergency Enacted	PL	746	see note
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HHS	432	Resolve, To Improve Behavioral Health Care for Children	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	485	An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and To Address Growing Demand	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/7/21	Enacted	PL	712	
HHS	496	An Act To Increase Timely Access to Mental Health Services by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement Rates	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	512	An Act To Increase the Number of Intensive Case Managers	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/3/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	533	An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	4/4/22	Enacted	PL	679	
HHS	582	An Act To Support the Fidelity and Sustainability of Assertive Community Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	614	Resolve, To Extend Funding to Maine Veterans' Homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/7/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	629	Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over	6/2/21	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	173	

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HHS	632	An Act To Facilitate the Conversion of Children's Private Nonmedical Institutions to Qualified Residential Treatment Programs as Required by Federal Law	Reported Out	ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	2/9/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	674	An Act To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Psychotic Disorders	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	684	Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	171	
HHS	716	An Act To Enhance and Improve the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/21	Enacted	PL	686	
HHS	718	An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program and the Children's Health Insurance Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm	7/19/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	811	An Act To Protect the Reproductive Rights and Freedoms of Maine People	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	4/11/22	Enacted	PL	738	
HHS	867	An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	2/16/22	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HHS	910	An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/21/21	Enacted	PL	734	
HHS	949	Resolve, To Restore the MaineCare Nursing Facility COVID-19 Temporary Rate Increase	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	972	An Act To Establish the Rare Disease Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/3/21	Enacted	PL	740	

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HHS	979	An Act To Expand Maine's School-based Health Centers	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/10/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	996	An Act To Improve Dental Health Access for Maine Children and Adults with Low Incomes	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/21/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	1059	An Act To Provide Substance Use Disorder Treatment to Adolescents	Reported Out	ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	1/26/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1076	An Act To Support the Operations of Youth Shelters in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/19/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	1080	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Update the Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	1/31/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	132	
HHS	1091	An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/5/21	Enacted	PL	714	
HHS	1112	Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Homes	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1135	An Act Regarding Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services and Increasing Reimbursement Rates for Those Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1147	Resolve, To Enhance Access to Medication Management for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	1197	Resolve, To Require Continued MaineCare Reimbursement to Nursing Facilities for Bed Hold Days during Hospitalizations and Therapeutic Leaves of Absence	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/7/21	Died On Adjournment			

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HHS	1204	An Act To Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	1324	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct an Assessment of Human Trafficking in the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1360	An Act To Provide Services to Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens by Eliminating the Waiting Lists for Certain MaineCare Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	1386	Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	180	
HHS	1424	Resolve, To Change the Educational Requirements of Behavioral Health Professionals Providing Services for Children	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1428	An Act To Increase the Availability of Intranasal Naloxone in Community and Corrections Settings	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	3/29/22	Enacted	PL	605	
HHS	1501	An Act To Protect Oral Health for Children in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/14/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	1523	An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	4/6/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1528	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Certain Home-based Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/1/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1543	An Act To Improve and Modernize Home-based Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/21	Died On Adjournment			

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HHS	1550	An Act To End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over	6/14/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1553	An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/7/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1570	An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Maine Residents	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/3/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	1573	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/10/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
HHS	1574	Resolve, To Ensure Support for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism with High Behavioral Need	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	3/30/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1582	An Act To Enact the Maine Psilocybin Services Act	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	3/25/22	Died Between Houses			
HHS	1586	An Act To Strengthen Statewide Mental Health Peer Support, Crisis Intervention Mobile Response and Crisis Residential Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/21	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1608	An Act To Expand the MaineCare Program To Cover All Citizens of the State	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	4/4/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1693	An Act To Advance Health Equity and Improve the Well-being of All Maine People	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	4/12/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1701	An Act To Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services	Reported Out	ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	2/9/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HHS	1722	An Act To Ensure Access to All Paths to Recovery for Persons Affected by Opioids Using Money Obtained through Litigation against Opioid Manufacturers	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	4/12/22	Emergency Enacted	PL	661	
HHS	1729	Resolve, To Assess the Feasibility of the Production of Insulin and Insulin Analogs in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	4/4/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	166	
HHS	1747	An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/8/22	Enacted	PL	698	
HHS	1748	An Act To Improve the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and To Improve the So-called Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive Report	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/11/22	Enacted	PL	648	
HHS	1755	An Act To Enhance the Child Welfare Ombudsman Program	Reported Out	ONTP		3/2/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1758	An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies	Reported Out	OTP		2/24/22	Enacted	PL	637	
HHS	1761	An Act To Amend the Inspection Requirement for Facilities for Children and Adults with a National Accreditation	Reported Out	OTP		3/2/22	Enacted	PL	532	
HHS	1765	An Act To Support Child Care for Working Families	Reported Out	OTP		3/2/22	Enacted	PL	534	
HHS	1767	An Act To Ensure Tribal Representation in the Public Health Infrastructure	Reported Out	OTP		1/24/22	Enacted	PL	495	
HHS	1769	An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with Federal Law	Reported Out	OTP		3/2/22	Enacted	PL	535	
HHS	1771	Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM		2/18/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	177	
HHS	1773	An Act To Make MaineCare Rules Pertaining to Global Home and Community-based Services Waiver Programs and Person-centered Planning and Settings Major Substantive Rules	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		4/1/22	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			

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HHS	1781	An Act To Align Postpartum MaineCare Coverage with Federal Law	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/2/22	Enacted	PL	519	
HHS	1787	An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care Provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/4/22	Emergency Enacted	PL	747	
HHS	1790	An Act To Ensure Equitable Geographic Access to Long-term Care Services in the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	ONTP		3/2/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1791	An Act Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Notice to Hospitals of Nursing Facility Closures	Reported Out	ONTP		3/2/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1792	An Act To Support Employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center and the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, Including the Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services Team and the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services Team	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		2/23/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1812	An Act To Strengthen the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing for Increased Staffing	Reported Out	ONTP		3/2/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1824	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Develop a Pilot Program To Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/29/22	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	181	
HHS	1825	An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked by and Workloads of Child Protective Services Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		3/25/22	Died Between Houses			
HHS	1834	An Act To Establish Ongoing Monitoring of Maine's Child Protective Services	Reported Out	ONTP		3/8/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HHS	1841	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 283: Newborn Bloodspot Screening Rule, Section 14, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Reported Out	OTP		1/25/22	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	124	
HHS	1848	An Act To Increase the Availability of Assertive Community Treatment Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/8/22	Enacted	PL	540	
HHS	1849	An Act To Clarify Inspection Requirements for Hospitals and Certain Nursing Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/2/22	Enacted	PL	541	
HHS	1850	An Act To Provide Funding for the Provision of Services According to the So-called Intensive Care Coordination Using High Fidelity Wraparound Model	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		4/11/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1853	Resolve, To Increase Oversight of the Child Welfare System	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/24/22	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	142	
HHS	1860	An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State	Reported Out	LTW		3/11/22	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1864	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Family Child Care Provider Licensing Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		2/24/22	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	138	
HHS	1865	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 34: Child Care Provider (Child Care Facilities and Family Child Care Providers) Background Check Licensing Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services	Reported Out	OTP		2/8/22	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	130	
HHS	1866	An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access After-school Services	Reported Out	ONTP		3/8/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1867	An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/11/22	Enacted	PL	639	

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HHS	1868	An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/22/22	Emergency Enacted	PL	748	
HHS	1869	An Act To Provide Clarity and Assistance to Rural Maine Providers in the Implementation of the Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Waiver Rule	Reported Out	ONTP		3/8/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1877	An Act To Prohibit Prior Authorization Requirements and Step Therapy Protocols for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness for MaineCare Recipients	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		3/25/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1909	An Act To Amend Syringe Service Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		2/24/22	Enacted	PL	545	
HHS	1915	An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		3/25/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1960	An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Governing the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/22/22	Enacted	PL	550	
HHS	1968	An Act To Ensure Appropriate Placement of Defendants with Mental Illness and Intellectual Disabilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		4/6/22	Enacted	PL	757	
HHS	1993	An Act To Establish a Progressive Treatment Program Liaison	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/6/22	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1994	An Act To Establish the Progressive Treatment Program Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/24/22	Enacted	PL	745	
HHS	2007	An Act To Create the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Incidence Registry	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/6/22	Enacted	PL	613	
HHS	2027	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97: Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	OTP		3/31/22	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	151	

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LD 85 An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 708 provides reimbursement under the MaineCare program for pasteurized donor breast milk provided to an infant if the infant meets certain criteria. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment or waiver to the United States, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by January 1, 2023 and provides funding.

LD 343 Resolve, To Review Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Spending

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 159 directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to establish a process to review Department of Health and Human Services spending of funds received pursuant to the federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. It requires the commissioner to establish a partnership to conduct this review. The partnership is to be among representatives of tribal public health districts, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations and the department. The partnership is required to review the following:

1. The total amount of block grant funds received by the State;
2. The entities and programs funded by the block grant;
3. The populations served by the entities and programs funded by the block grant;
4. The decision-making process the department uses to determine what entities and programs receive block grant funding and how much each receives;
5. The effects and outcomes in populations served by the entities and programs funded by the block grant;
6. How best to define "vulnerable populations" within the State; and
7. Existing gaps in programs for vulnerable populations funded by the block grant.

It requires the commissioner to submit a report, drafted by the partnership, with recommendations, including recommendations for the establishment of a permanent partnership to review federal block grants received by the department, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, by February 1, 2023. The joint standing committee may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

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LD 372 An Act To Establish the Hospital System Loan Fund Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 746 establishes the Hospital System Loan Fund Program within the Finance Authority of Maine. The program is established to alleviate the hardship of hospitals resulting from loan payments through the Medicare accelerated payment program. It transfers \$12 million from the MaineCare Stabilization Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund and transfers \$12 million from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine's FAME Hospital - Hospital System Loan Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Beginning August 1, 2024, the Finance Authority of Maine must transfer quarterly the repaid principal balance to the Reserve for FAME Hospital - Hospital System Loans General Fund account.

Public Law 2021, chapter 746 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 8, 2022.

LD 485 An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and to Address Growing Demand

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 712 provides ongoing funding to provide home-delivered meals to homebound seniors. It also allows the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse an area agency on aging for mileage that exceeds the state reimbursement rate.

LD 533 An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 679 delays the statewide implementation of the statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program until January 1, 2023. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to seek and apply for available federal funds or funds from other sources to fund the program. It requires the department to submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and over education matters relating to the status of implementing the program, the ability of the program to provide support and guidance to families, educators and providers working with children and the department's progress in seeking and applying for additional funding to support the program. Public Law 2021, chapter 679 provides general funds and Public Law 2021, chapter 769 offsets that funding through a transfer from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund.

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LD 629 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 173 establishes the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers. The Task Force shall review the process by which criminal cases may be brought related to incidents of violence in hospitals and other health care facilities and settings, in particular, incidents of violence involving patients or individuals related to patients assaulting hospital or medical staff. The Task Force shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety no later than November 2022. Outside funding is required to fund the Task Force.

Resolve 2021, chapter 173 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 3, 2022.

LD 684 Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 171 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing supplemental payments to nursing facilities where the number of MaineCare residents constitutes more than 80% of the total number of residents to remove the requirement that such nursing facilities have base year direct and routine aggregate costs per day that are less than the median aggregate direct and routine allowable costs for the facility's peer group.

Resolve 2021, chapter 171 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 2, 2022.

LD 716 An Act To Enhance and Improve the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 686 makes changes to the laws governing the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board, moving the budget of the board from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and requiring disclosure of final reports of investigations pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act to the board. It also clarifies the appointment process for members of the board.

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LD 910 An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 734 provides for a one-time transfer of \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance, Other Special Revenue Funds account. It requires the department to distribute the funds proportionally to each municipality and federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State based on the general assistance costs incurred by that municipality or federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State during fiscal year 2020-21. It provides that a municipality or federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State may use funds to offset potential reductions in federal funding in fiscal year 2022-23, potential reductions in funding related to the end of the public health emergency and other unanticipated costs incurred by the municipality or federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State during the COVID-19 pandemic. The department is required to distribute the funds as a lump-sum distribution to each municipality and federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State. The department is directed to review long-term improvements to the general assistance program. Public Law 2021, chapter 769 offsets the general fund from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund.

LD 1080 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Update the Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 132 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to, by July 1, 2025, update the rules regarding the rights of recipients of mental health services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, sections 3003 and 15002. It designates these rules as major substantive.

It requires the department, by September 1, 2022, to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services a work plan for developing and promulgating these rule changes and ensuring stakeholder engagement prior to the drafting of the rule changes. Stakeholders must include, but are not limited to, consumers of mental health services, advocates for consumers of mental health services, providers of mental health services and health care systems in the State.

Additionally, beginning January 1, 2023 and every six months thereafter until provisional rule changes are adopted under this section, the resolve requires the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on its progress toward compliance with this resolve.

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LD 1091 An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 714 raises the upper age limit from 20 years of age to 22 years of age for voluntary participation in extended care for persons who attained 18 years of age while in the care and custody of the State. It makes a corresponding change in the transition grant program for individuals exiting extended care and pursuing a postsecondary education by changing the requirement that to be eligible to participate in the program an individual must be at least 21 years of age to a requirement that an individual must be at least 23 years of age.

LD 1386 Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 180 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to establish four beds a year for four years to serve individuals who are eligible for long-term care and need bariatric care. The first four beds must be available by September 1, 2023. The department shall convene an informal stakeholder group including the long-term care ombudsman program and representatives of a statewide organization representing nursing facilities. The plan must include amendments to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, with rate changes that capture the clinical intensity needs of residents occupying bariatric care beds. The department shall submit a report on progress, including any necessary legislation to establish the bariatric care beds and any required funding, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2022.

Resolve 2021, chapter 180 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2022.

LD 1428 An Act To Increase the Availability of Intranasal Naloxone in Community and Corrections Settings

Public Law 2021, chapter 605 establishes a definition of “corrections officer” in the section of statute governing distribution of naloxone. It also increases the availability of intranasal naloxone hydrochloride in community and corrections settings by removing the requirement that a corrections officer possess a current and valid certificate issued by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in order to administer intranasal naloxone hydrochloride. It authorizes law enforcement officers, corrections officers and municipal firefighters to dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride in the same manner as is authorized for the administration of intranasal naloxone hydrochloride.

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LD 1722 An Act To Ensure Access to All Paths to Recovery for Persons Affected by Opioids Using Money Obtained through Litigation against Opioid Manufacturers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 661 provides that funds received from opioid litigation may be deposited into the account described by a memorandum of understanding between the Attorney General's office and local stakeholders to receive funding from recently settled litigation. The memorandum establishes the terms under which these funds may be spent. The law establishes the Maine Recovery Council to direct fund disbursement and requires the Attorney General, by February 1st of each year, to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing the activities of the council and the status of the Maine Recovery Fund and listing information on fund disbursements and information related to the outcomes of funded activities.

Public Law 2021, chapter 661 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2022.

LD 1729 Resolve, To Assess the Feasibility of the Production of Insulin and Insulin Analogs in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 166 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a commission consisting of representatives of other government agencies or entities and interested groups to assess the feasibility of having the University of Maine System and other appropriate institutions or a public-private partnership between the University of Maine System, other appropriate institutions and a licensed drug manufacturer produce insulin in the State and provide such insulin at reduced, low or no cost to low-income residents of the State. The resolve requires the commission to assess the feasibility of such a program by reviewing factors including potential savings and additional costs to the University of Maine System and the State, the number of individuals who would benefit from such a program, potential regulatory or legal obstacles, available alternatives to providing insulin to low-income individuals at low or no cost and to seek input from members of the Legislature when making its assessment. It also requires that the commission explore options for capping copayments for insulin and insulin analogs provided through private insurers, the potential for the State to engage in volume purchasing of insulin and insulin analogs at reduced cost, the mechanisms by which the State could establish a program to distribute insulin and insulin analogs to residents of the State, opportunities to establish an interstate compact with other New England states to reduce insulin and insulin analog costs in compact states, opportunities to establish a public entity to manage the purchasing and distribution of insulin and insulin analogs with the possibility of eventual transition to a private entity, opportunities to establish a model facility to affordably manufacture insulin and insulin analogs and to distribute insulin and insulin analogs to Maine residents, and opportunities to procure dedicated funding to support the manufacture of insulin and insulin analogs and the distribution of insulin and insulin analogs to Maine residents. The resolve requires the commission to provide a

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report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by November 2, 2022 and authorizes the committee to introduce legislation based on that report during the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1747 An Act to Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 698 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a cytomegalovirus screening program for newborn infants. It provides that the department may not require that a newborn infant be tested for the presence of cytomegalovirus if the parents of that infant object on the grounds that a test conflicts with their religious tenets and practices. It requires testing providers to report aggregate results to the department. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information to people who may become pregnant on the risks of cytomegalovirus. It directs the department to adopt routine technical rules to implement the requirements of the law and to report on its progress to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by February 1, 2023. It provides that no later than three years after the final adoption of rules, the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group of clinicians and researchers with knowledge of cytomegalovirus screening to review the cytomegalovirus screening program and to consider changes to the program. No later than February 1, 2026, the department shall provide an update on this review process to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

LD 1748 An Act Regarding the So-called Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive Report Produced by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 648 makes the following changes to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, or TANF, and the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, or ASPIRE-TANF:

1. It requires the addition of qualitative survey data from participants in the TANF and ASPIRE-TANF programs, in the report that is submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3109. It changes the report from an annual report to a biennial report beginning January 15, 2023.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate and trauma-informed services to TANF and ASPIRE-TANF recipients. It requires the rule-making process to implement these services to include consultation with current and former TANF and ASPIRE-TANF participants.

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3. It requires the department to assist ASPIRE-TANF participants seeking to matriculate in postsecondary education through the Parents as Scholars Program with access to remedial services, financial assistance and the provision of ASPIRE-TANF services. Services must include reimbursement for tuition, fees and transcript costs. Hours spent preparing for matriculation are considered hours of participation in ASPIRE-TANF.
4. It creates parity between the Parents as Scholars Program and the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program by making services and benefits equivalent between the programs and by requiring, for both programs, that study hours be counted for three hours for every one hour of classroom instruction and options for half-time study be made available.
5. It provides that a referral from the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, Jobs for Maine's Graduates, adult education programs and Department of Labor career centers must be considered an application for the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program as long as the referral is submitted by a qualified person and on a form provided for this purpose and signed by the student.
6. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, the Department of Education, the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to explore the feasibility of simplifying the application process for education programs, including ASPIRE-TANF, the Parents as Scholars Program, the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program and the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program, to a single application.

LD 1758 An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 637 provides that the Department of Health and Human Services may not require a licensed mental health facility or licensed substance use disorder treatment facility to obtain written informed consent from a client during a federal or state public health emergency. The licensed facility may instead obtain a client's consent verbally, electronically or in writing. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to, no later than January 1, 2023, amend its rules to meet the requirements of the law.

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LD 1761 An Act To Amend the Inspection Requirement for Facilities for Children and Adults with a National Accreditation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 532 requires that a person, firm, corporation or association operating a residential care facility, assisted housing program, drug treatment center, children's home, child placing agency, child care facility or adult day care program that has received and maintained accreditation from a national accreditation body approved by the department, may be determined by the department to be in compliance with state licensing rules. Prior to the enactment of this law, accreditation deemed the entity in compliance with state licensing rules.

LD 1765 An Act To Support Child Care for Working Families

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 534 removes the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services charge a minimum transitional child care services premium for families who lose eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits as a result of increased earnings or an increase in the number of hours worked or who request that their benefits be terminated.

LD 1767 An Act to Ensure Tribal Representation in the Public Health Infrastructure

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2021, chapter 495 amends the laws governing the coordination of public health infrastructure components to allow a tribal district's public liaisons to be either tribal employees or tribal district employees. It also changes the reporting requirement for the tribal district to reflect the creation of the office of population health equity within the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 1769 An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with Federal Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 535 clarifies that extended care requirements for certain persons who are 18 to 20 years of age and who attained 18 years of age while in the care of and custody of the State are in the care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services. This clarification ensures compliance with federal law.

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LD 1771 Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 177 establishes the Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State. The panel shall study the implications of genome-editing technology and the legislative, administrative or other steps that the State should take to capitalize on the potential and avoid the hazards of genome-editing technology. In performing its duties, the panel shall solicit the testimony, advice or participation of persons with a wide range of backgrounds or areas of expertise. Outside funding is required to fund the activities of the panel. The report of the panel must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 2, 2022.

LD 1781 An Act To Align Postpartum MaineCare Coverage with Federal Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 519 aligns state law with the requirements under federal law to allow for postpartum MaineCare coverage for a qualified woman and a noncitizen legal admitted to the United States. It repeals provisions enacted by Public Law 2021, chapter 461 that expanded postpartum coverage on a graduated schedule and replaces them with coverage beginning August 1, 2022. It clarifies that, in order to receive postpartum MaineCare coverage, a noncitizen legal admitted to the United States must be otherwise eligible for MaineCare and corrects the income eligibility to 209% of the nonfarm income official poverty line. It also clarifies that expanded postpartum MaineCare coverage for qualified women is allowed as long as federal law allows for it; the new federal option for 12 months of postpartum coverage is currently set to expire on April 1, 2027.

LD 1787 An Act to Improve the Quality and Affordability of Health Care Provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2021, chapter 747 provides for rebasing of MaineCare federally qualified health center reimbursement rates to provide that:

1. By March 1, 2023, an alternative, updated prospective payment method for each federally qualified health center that is the same as the prospective payment system set forth in 42 United States Code, Section 1396a(bb)(3), except that the base year for determining the costs of providing services must be the average of the reasonable costs incurred in the center's fiscal

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years ending in 2018 and 2019, adjusted for any change in scope adjustments approved since the base year and for inflation measured by the federally qualified health center market basket percentage published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Each federally qualified health center must be given the option to be reimbursed under the method provided by this subsection or under the method provided by federal law. After December 31, 2023, the department may update the base year described in this subsection to a more recent base year;

2. Adjustments to federally qualified health center rates for changes in the scope of services provided by a federally qualified health center must adjust the center's reimbursement rate to reflect changes in its costs of providing services whenever the center establishes that it has experienced a material change in either the type, intensity, duration or quantity of services provided or the characteristics of the population receiving a service that affect the cost of the service. Adjustments must reflect costs incurred retroactive to the date that the department received the federally qualified health center request for the adjustment, unless the department determines that the change in scope was due to conditions or events that were beyond the control of the federally qualified health center, in which case the adjustment must be retroactive to the more recent of the date that the federally qualified health center incurred the cost increases requiring an adjustment and the date that is one year prior to the date the department received the federally qualified health center change in scope request; and
3. The Department of Health and Human Services may develop an alternative payment model. The alternative payment model must be consistent with the requirements of 42 United States Code, Section 1396a(bb). As long as federal law continues to require that the department allow a federally qualified health center to elect to use the prospective payment system set forth in 42 United States Code, Section 1396a(bb)(3), the alternative payment model must be an additional option and not a replacement of the updated base year option. In developing the alternative payment model, the department is required to consult with federally qualified health centers and provide a reasonable opportunity for dialogue and exchange of data before any rule implementing such a model is proposed.

Public Law 2021, chapter 747 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2022.

LD 1824 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Develop a Pilot Program To Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 181 establishes the Commission To Develop a Pilot Program To Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System. The commission is required to develop a pilot program to provide legal counsel to parents and custodians as soon as the Department of Health and Human Services has begun a safety assessment to determine if a child is at risk of harm. The commission is required to submit a report, no later than November 2, 2022,

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with findings and a proposed pilot program, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters and health and human services matters.

Resolve 2021, chapter 181 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2022.

LD 1841 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 283: Newborn Bloodspot Screening Rules, Section 14, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

ENACTED LAW

Resolve 2021, chapter 124 authorizes the final adoption of Chapter 283: Newborn Bloodspot Screening Rule, Section 14, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The changes increase the bloodspot filter paper fees.

Resolve 2021, chapter 124 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 17, 2022.

LD 1848 An Act To Increase the Availability of Assertive Community Treatment Services

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2021, chapter 540 amends the behavioral and developmental services law regarding mental health hospitalization to add the definition of "prescriber," which is defined to mean a licensed health care provider with authority to prescribe, including a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or licensed physician assistant who has training or experience in psychopharmacology. It also amends the definition of "assertive community treatment" to change the composition of the multidisciplinary team that provides assertive community treatment by removing reference to the term "psychiatrist" and replacing it with the term "prescriber" and by providing that a licensed practical nurse may be a member of the team in lieu of a registered nurse.

Public Law 2021, chapter 540 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 17, 2022.

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LD 1849 An Act To Clarify Inspection Requirements for Hospitals and Certain Nursing Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 541 makes changes to the inspection requirements for hospitals and nursing facilities.

1. It removes the requirement for nursing facilities providing both nursing home and assisted living services to receive a single coordinated licensing and fire code inspection. Nursing home services inspections occur at varied intervals between nine and 15 months apart based on a facility's performance with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' conditions of participation, while assisted living services inspections occur on a 2-year cycle.
2. It provides that a hospital is exempt from inspection by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services if it submits to the department a copy of its accreditation survey results completed by a health care facility accrediting organization, including a statement of any deficiencies and corresponding plan of correction. The survey findings submitted to the department are confidential.

LD 1853 Resolve, To Increase Oversight of the Child Welfare System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 142 enacts additional reporting requirements related to the child welfare system. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation pursuant to any of these reports at the next regular or special session of the Legislature. The additional reporting requirements are:

1. The child welfare advisory panel and the child death and serious injury review panel are required to submit quarterly reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the child welfare system and efforts to collaborate between the citizen review panels as required by the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act; and
2. The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services is required to submit quarterly reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding progress in implementing the recommendations of the Casey Family Programs and Collaborative Safety report completed for the department in October 2021, responses to recommendations from the child welfare advisory panel established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4010-D and progress in efforts described in the department's annual report on child welfare.

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Resolve 2021, chapter 142 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 7, 2022.

LD 1864 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 33: Family Child Care Provider Licensing Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 138 authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to adopt its major substantive rule Chapter 33: Family Child Care Provider Licensing Rule as long as certain changes are made to the rule. The rule must be amended to remove certain references to critical violations and administrative fines. The rule must make clarifications to immunization records for providers and staff and must update the child care immunization standards to those published in 2021. The rule must be amended to replace the requirement for both hot and cold water in toilet facilities with a requirement for only running water, make training on transportation of children biennial and require providers to enroll in the Quality Rating and Improvement System within the Office of Child and Family Services.

Resolve 2021, chapter 138 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2022.

LD 1865 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 34: Child Care Provider (Child Care Facilities and Family Child Care Providers) Background Check Licensing Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 130 authorizes the adoption of Chapter 34: Child Care Provider (Child Care Facilities and Family Child Care Providers) Background Check Licensing Rule, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services.

Resolve 2021, chapter 130 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2022.

LD 1867 An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 639 formalizes the Department of Health and Human Services' MaineCare provider reimbursement rate system reform effort by establishing rate development principles and processes, specifying rule-making requirements for rate adjustments, establishing

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public access for all stages of rate review, ensuring access to a funding source for associated rate adjustments, establishing an expert technical advisory panel to assist the department on MaineCare rates and payment models, and adding the MaineCare Advisory Committee as an additional advisory body on the rate-setting system.

LD 1868 An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2021, chapter 748 provides ongoing allocations to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to achieve a level of funding provided for the program that meets the funding level recommended for this State by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pursuant to its determination for state tobacco control programs, as long as the available funds in the Fund for a Healthy Maine allow that level of funding.

Public Law 2021, chapter 748 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2022.

LD 1909 An Act To Amend Syringe Service Programs

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2021, chapter 545 removes the prohibition on the Maine Center for Disease Control limiting the number of hypodermic apparatuses provided by certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to exchange program participants.

LD 1960 An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Governing the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 550 makes the following changes to the laws governing the child welfare services ombudsman program.

1. It provides that the director of the ombudsman program must serve full time and expands the director's required experience to include child welfare.
2. It provides that the staffing for the ombudsman program is at the discretion of the nonprofit organization under contract to provide ombudsman services.
3. It provides that the contract to provide ombudsman services is for a period of five years, except that the contract may be terminated consistent with the terms of the contract.

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4. It provides that the contract to provide ombudsman services must include funds for the nonprofit organization to provide health insurance benefits for employees of the ombudsman program.
5. It provides that the ombudsman program must provide information about its services through a publicly accessible website and makes a technical correction regarding plural language.
6. It clarifies that the ombudsman program may provide opinions and recommendations on current or proposed state programs, rules, policies and laws.
7. It clarifies that the ombudsman program may provide input on the State's child welfare system to the Department of Health and Human Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.
8. It clarifies that the ombudsman program provides services to persons and families involved with the State's child welfare system.
9. It adds the child welfare ombudsman or the ombudsman's designee as a member of the child death and serious injury review panel established by the Department of Health and Human Services and requires that the panel, beginning January 1, 2023 and every two years thereafter, submit a report on the panel's recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Additional funding for the child welfare ombudsman program was included in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 (supplemental budget).

LD 1968 An Act To Ensure Appropriate Placement of Defendants with Mental Illness and Intellectual Disabilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 757 requires an appropriate placement in an institution for the care and treatment of persons with mental illness within 30 days from the time the court transmits an order to the State Forensic Service committing a defendant to the custody of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services unless an extraordinary circumstance causes a necessary delay. The commissioner is required to notify the court of the extraordinary circumstance causing a delay.

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LD 1994 An Act To Establish the Progressive Treatment Program Fund

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2021, chapter 745 establishes the Progressive Treatment Program Fund as a nonlapsing fund under the administration of the Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the fund is to reimburse the legal costs incurred by private entities for initiation and maintenance of progressive treatment programs for legal costs incurred to initiate a progressive treatment program. It requires a private entity seeking reimbursement to submit to the Department of Health and Human Services an itemized bill of legal costs incurred to initiate the progressive treatment program. It limits the amount the department may reimburse a private entity for the legal costs to initiate a progressive treatment program to a maximum of \$800.

LD 2007 An Act To Create the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Incidence Registry

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2021, chapter 613 requires health care practitioners and health care facilities to report diagnoses of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to the Department of Health and Human Services in order for the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to create and maintain a statewide registry for surveillance of the disease in the State. It provides confidentiality protections regarding information that directly or indirectly identifies individual persons. It requires the department to complete annual reports containing statewide prevalence and incidence estimates of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, including any trends occurring over time across the State.

The law allows the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to establish agreements with state, regional and national amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registries for bidirectional data exchange, in a manner consistent with applicable state and federal confidentiality laws and policies. The department may disclose the minimum information necessary to accomplish a specified research purpose only upon successful completion of the research disclosure approval process established by the department and as permitted under applicable human subject research protections, state and federal laws and the department's confidentiality policies and processes. The department shall prepare and submit to the Governor annual reports containing statewide prevalence and incidence estimates of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, including any trends occurring over time across the State. The reports may not contain any information that directly or indirectly identifies individual persons.

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LD 2027 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97: Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW

Resolve 2021, chapter 151 authorizes the adoption of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97: Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a late-filed major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services. The rule increases reimbursement rates and rate methodology for a number of services, makes changes to the terminology describing certain services and implements new requirements on Appendix D providers pursuant to the Family First Prevention Services Act.

Resolve 2021, chapter 124 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2022.