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Legislative Committee Meeting

March 23, 2021

Attendees: Kathy Forti-Gallant, Pam Cahill, Kristen Culmo (Kristen.culmo@uconn.edu), Ellen Farnsworth, Valerie Fuller, Sandra Hayes, Lorraine Reiser, Shelby Stiles, Nancy Browne

Excused: Colin McCabe, Connie Jordan

The meeting was called to order by Kathy..

Please see below for all descriptions of each LD. Summary of discussion follows here:

1. Pam reported that the Legislature is planning to return to session March 30, 31 to complete the current budget. Per protocol, they will then adjourn. It is highly probable that the Governor will then call Legislators back to an indefinite special session.

2. LD 295: The group discussed the results of the work session for this bill introduced by Representative Anne Perry and championed by Committee member Senator Stacey Brenner. The outcome of the work session was 5 Ought to Pass, 5 Ought to Pass with Amendment (OTPA), 1 (Rep Alford) another OTPA and 2 absent. The amendment from the 5 removes supervision from out of state NPs who have 2 years of experience. Rep Arford's amendment removes supervision for NPs coming to Maine and reduces supervision to 1-year for others.

The next step would be for the bill to go to the House; as there are 4 MDs in the House and a split decision on the bill, there is concern that there could be a movement to amend the bill making it more restrictive than current practice. Pam will speak to Rep. Perry and Senator Brenner for their input and also to offer MNPA's thanks to Sen. Brenner for her active and strong support for the bill on our behalf. Pam will keep us informed but unless new developments, the committee supports pulling the bill if that is Rep. Perry's decision.

3. Valerie would like Pam to present at a MNPA conference session on how to run for the Maine legislature to give nurse practitioners a greater voice in legislative decisions.

4. Pam updated several other bills of interest (full bill summary below):

Please note: You can access the up-to-date information for each bill by putting the LD # in box at top left of this webpage:

http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=130&paper=&paperId=1&ld=

a. LD 713: allow purchase of health insurance across state lines: Voted out of committee: ought

not to pass

b. LD 519 Act to protect children from toxic chemicals. Public hearing March 25th. Pam sent testimony from last year

c. LD 968. Resolve to expand mental Health Crisis Intervention Mobile Response Services. Connie will write testimony No work session scheduled as yet.

d. LD 104 An act to protect the health of student athletes by requiring the establishment of procedures to report concussions. Out of Committee: Divided Report

e. LD 119 An act to increase faculty in nursing education programs by amending the nursing education loan repayment program. Out of Committee: Divided Report

f. LD 178: An act to reduce waste of prescription medications (MNPA opposed): Did not pass

g. LD 265: An act to provide women access to affordable postpartum care. Work session 3/9: Pam sent in testimony of support. Result: Divided report

h. LD 600: An act to require insurance coverage for certified midwife services. MNPA supports. work session March 25th. Connie wrote testimony

i. LD 590 (not below): bill to revise MaineCare rule about number of ostomy supplies allowed; Kathy wrote testimony and Pam submitted. Work session March 25th

j. Anne Perry sent bill to Pam about mandating parental permission for minors to get prescription/health care; Pam will watch ; bill has not yet been printed

k. LD 17 To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program; Work session held February 23rd; Tabled

l. LD ?? (there are several that pertain to Meals on Wheels) Kathy notified that she sent in testimony personally supporting this bill, not on behalf of MNPA.

5. Telehealth bills: several upcoming and Pam feels they will probably be put on same day. Will keep us updated.

Next meeting is Tuesday April 6 @ 7pm

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Browne



LD # 254	Position: watch Priority	Last Updated: Monday, March 08, 2021
An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services		Status: OTPA Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: Thursday, February 18, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: Tuesday: 3/2/2021 2:00 PM
Sponsors: Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.		

Commented [N1]: Voted ought to pass

LD # 295	Position: support Priority	Last Updated: Monday, March 08, 2021
An Act To Repeal Restrictions That Prohibit Certain Advanced Practice Registered Nurses from Providing Essential Health Care Services		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: Thursday, February 18, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: TBD
Sponsors: Presented by Representative PERRY, A. of Calais (Cosponsored by Representative MEYER, M. of Eliot, Representative HEPLER, A. of Woolwich)		

Commented [N2]: See above

LD # 1	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 26, 2021
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[An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights \(EMERGENCY\)](#) 

This bill establishes certain requirements for the protection of health care consumers with regard to testing, treatment and immunization for COVID-19. The bill also makes changes to improve access to prescription drugs and to health care services through telehealth. Part A of the bill requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for COVID-19 screening, testing and immunization services and prohibits a carrier from imposing any cost-sharing requirements on consumers for those services. Part B of the bill authorizes a pharmacist to administer COVID-19 vaccines licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for administration to a person 16 years of age or older. Part B also provides that registered nurses, providers of osteopathic medicine, providers of allopathic medicine, podiatrists and dentists may prescribe to a patient a prescription drug for an extended period of time, not to exceed a 180-day supply, during a state of emergency declared by the Governor. Part C of the bill authorizes the delivery of health care services through telehealth by audio-only telephone.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 10:00 AM
Work Session: Tuesday: 3/2/2021 2:00 PM

Sponsors:
Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford

LD # 4	Position: watch	Last Updated: Thursday, January 14, 2021
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[An Act To Amend the Maine Pharmacy Act](#) 

This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Pharmacy Act.

1. It clarifies the responsibility of the pharmacist in charge of a pharmacy.
2. It repeals the character reference requirement for licensure.
3. It updates and clarifies requirements for licensure by endorsement.
4. It updates the timeline for certain reporting requirements.
5. It eliminates the requirement for submission of a vaccine administration treatment protocol to and approval by the Maine Board of Pharmacy and requires pharmacies to maintain a protocol on the premises and make it available to the board upon request.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to JointRule 204.

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland

LD # 8

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Wednesday, February
17, 2021

[An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs](#) 

This bill provides for the establishment of drug take-back stewardship programs. It requires certain drug manufacturers, as defined in the bill, to operate a drug take-back stewardship program to collect and dispose of certain drugs.

Status: Pending Final
Legislative Action
Committee:
Environment And
Natural Resources
Hearing: Wednesday,
February 17, 2021,
10:00 AM
Work Session: None
Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York

LD # 14

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Friday, January
15, 2021

[An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency](#) 

This bill requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to permit the Governor to extend a state of emergency.

Status: Pending Final
Legislative Action
Committee: State And Local
Government
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Augusta and Senator: BLACK of Franklin

LD # 17

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Monday, January 11,
2021


[Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program](#) 

Status: Pending Final
Legislative Action
Committee: Health

For details click on bill title.	And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Representatives: COREY of Windham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, MADIGAN of Waterville, PLUECKER of Warren, STOVER of Boothbay

LD # 28	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
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An Act To Create an Alert System To Notify the Public When a Person with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability Is Missing 	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Criminal Justice And Public Safety Hearing: February 8, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00 am Work Session: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:00 AM
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle


LD # 38	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, January 12, 2021
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An Act To Clarify the Timing of an Appeal of a Finding Regarding Involuntary Mental Health Treatment at a Designated Nonstate Mental Health Institution 	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin

LD # 47	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: 2/23/2021 11:00 PM Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill provides one-time funding of \$250,000 for each year of the biennium to support free health clinics in the State.</p>		
Sponsors: Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland		

LD # 56	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, January 25, 2021
An Act To Prohibit Insurers and Third-party Payors from Adjusting Their Fee Schedules for In-network Providers Unless the Adjustments Apply to All Specialties 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: February 4, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00 Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill prohibits a carrier from making any change in reimbursement rates or fee schedules applying to any providers participating in the carrier's network unless the changes are applied in the same manner to all participating providers able to provide a health care service or procedure within the lawful scope of the providers' individual licenses. The bill also prohibits a carrier from discriminating against a provider based on the provider's license or specialty in a manner that denies payment to the provider for an increase in reimbursement to account for a cost-of-living adjustment.</p>		
Sponsors: Presented by Representative DOORE of Augusta		

LD # 96	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, January 13, 2021
An Act To Create Fairness in the Treatment of Students by Retaining Students with Certain Vaccine Exemptions 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee:
<p>Current law allows a student covered by an individualized education plan who</p>		

elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization on or before September 1, 2021 to continue to attend school after September 1, 2021 without being immunized as long as certain statements regarding acknowledgement of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize are provided. This bill extends that exemption to any student who elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization on or before September 1, 2021.

Education And Cultural Affairs
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor. Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIGNON of Athens, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred

LD # 104

Position: **support**

Last Updated:
 Thursday, February 04, 2021

Commented [N3]: Divided report

[An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Establishment of Procedures To Report Concussions](#)

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to create a procedure by which school administrative units and private schools report annually the number of student athletes who experience concussive and other head injuries while participating in school activities and 12athletics.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Education And Cultural Affairs
Hearing: 2/17/2021 10:00 AM
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland

LD # 118

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
 Wednesday, January 13, 2021

[An Act To Address Maine's Shortage of Behavioral Health Services for Minors](#)

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to collect data on the number of children with behavioral health needs remaining in hospital emergency departments for extended stays, the length of the extended stays and the reasons for the extended stays and post the data annually on a publicly accessible website without any information, including health care information, that may directly identify any individual child or family. The department is required to

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with annual data and any department efforts to reduce the number of children and lengths of stay. The department is also required to promote and improve the use of the current children's behavioral health program coordinators within the Office of Child and Family Services to assist hospitals to place children in more appropriate behavioral health settings and report its efforts in a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: MOORE of Washington

LD # 119	Position: support	Last Updated: Thursday, February 04, 2021
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[An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs by Amending the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program](#) 

This bill amends the nursing education loan repayment program as follows:

1. It extends eligibility to apply to individuals who are currently enrolled in master's or doctoral degree programs.
2. It specifies that applicants must indicate an intention to work as full-time nursing faculty in a nursing education program in the State, and increases that required commitment from 3 years to 5 years after acceptance into the nursing education loan repayment program.
3. It increases the maximum amount of loans eligible for repayment under the program from \$4,500 to \$30,000 for a master's degree and from \$6,000 to \$60,000 for a doctoral degree.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot. Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, PERRY of Calais

LD # 120	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, January 20, 2021
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[An Act To Lower Health Care Costs through the Establishment of the Office of Affordable Health Care](#) 

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action


This bill establishes the Office of Affordable Health Care within the Legislature. The office is charged with analyzing data from the Maine Health Data Organization and the Maine Quality Forum and making recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage matters on methods to improve the cost-efficient provision of high-quality health care to the residents of this State. The office is required to hold an annual public hearing on cost trends no later than October 1st annually at which the public may comment on health care cost trends. The office is required to submit an annual report. The office is independent and nonpartisan, and the legislative committee and an advisory council provide advice on matters affecting health care costs in the State. The advisory council consists of 8 appointed members, including a member who represents hospital interests, a member who represents primary care provider interests, a member who represents a health care consumer advocacy organization, a member who represents health insurance interests, a member who represents purchasers of health care, a member who represents the health care workforce, a member who represents the interests of older residents of this State and a member with demonstrated expertise in health care delivery, health care management at a senior level or health care finance and administration. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services are ex officio members of the advisory council.

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, MAXMIN of Lincoln, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: MELARAGNO of Auburn, TEPLER of Topsham

LD # 121	Position: watch	Last Updated: Thursday, January 21, 2021
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[An Act To Require a Background Check for High-risk Health Care Providers under the MaineCare Program](#) 

This bill requires MaineCare provider applicants who are high-risk providers or who are in high-risk provider categories to undergo criminal history background checks.


Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin

LD # 149	Position: watch	Last Updated: Thursday, January 21,
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[An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions](#) 


This bill implements some of the recommendations of Resolve 2019, chapter 79 directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to form a working group to assess barriers to professional licensure for skilled individuals with foreign credentials and licensees of other states who apply for Maine licensure. It allows the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to exercise discretionary authority, after consultation with licensing entities, to waive documentation requirements for licensure submitted by applicants educated in or with relevant experience or licensure in other jurisdictions, including other states, United States territories, foreign nations and foreign administrative divisions, as long as the waiver does not reduce the requisite standards of proficiency for the licensed profession or occupation. It allows the director to exercise discretionary authority to waive examination fees and license fees for applicants for licensure educated in or with relevant experience or licensure in other jurisdictions, including other states, United States territories, foreign nations and foreign administrative divisions. It also allows the office, or a licensing board or commission within the office, to grant provisional licenses to applicants educated in or with relevant experience or licensure in other jurisdictions, including other states, United States territories, foreign nations and foreign administrative divisions. It provides the director with rule-making authority to implement these discretionary authorities. It provides the director with the authority to adopt rules to define the term "jurisdiction" for licensing purposes to mean a state, a United States territory, a foreign nation or a foreign administrative division that issues a license or credential. It provides the director with the authority to accept funds from the Federal Government, from any political subdivision of the State or from any individual, foundation or corporation, to expend those funds for purposes consistent with the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8003 and to provide grants to nongovernmental entities for purposes consistent with that law. It also develops a process for licensure by endorsement for United States license 2holders who meet certain criteria.


Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:


Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to JointRule 204. Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston

LD # 167	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 05, 2021
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<p>An Act To Limit Late Medical Billing to 6 Months </p> <p>This bill prohibits a health care entity, including health care practitioners and hospitals and other health care facilities, from charging a patient for health care services when a billing statement has not been provided within 6 months of the date the patient received health care services.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: February 11, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec</p>	

<p>LD # 172</p>	<p>Position: watch</p>	<p>Last Updated: Friday, February 26, 2021</p>
<p>An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access </p> <p>This bill requires a 2-dimensional machine-scannable barcode that allows a patient to digitally access prescription information to appear on the prescription label. It also makes a clarifying technical correction.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: Thursday: 3/4/2021 10:30 AM</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.</p>		

Commented [N5]: Ought to pass but to study

<p>LD # 178</p>	<p>Position: oppose</p>	<p>Last Updated: Thursday, February 04, 2021</p>
<p>An Act To Reduce Waste of Prescription Medications </p> <p>This bill provides that registered nurses, providers of osteopathic medicine, providers of allopathic medicine, podiatrists and dentists may not prescribe to a patient more than a 30-day supply of a prescription drug that the provider has not previously prescribed to that patient. The bill also provides that a pharmacist may not dispense more than a 30-day supply of a new prescription drug order to a patient who does not have a previous prescription drug order for that drug. The</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 10:00 AM</p>

Commented [N6]: Did not pass

prescribing and dispensing requirements provided in this bill provide exemptions for opioid medications prescribed or dispensed in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 2210, subsection 2; section 2600-C, subsection 2; section 3300-F, subsection 2; section 3657, subsection 2; or section 18308, subsection 2.

Work Session: None
Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative CUDDY of Winterport.

LD # 196

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Monday, January
25, 2021

[Resolve, To Ensure Access to Community Mental Health Services](#) ↗

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 17 and 65 to increase reimbursement rates for daily living support services and any home and community-based services provided by behavioral health professionals by 15%. It requires that the department ensure that the increase in reimbursement rates be applied to ensure providers are located in a sufficient geographical range for MaineCare members to access services and so that providers can maintain the services provided to MaineCare members.

Status: Pending
Final Legislative
Action
Committee:
Health And
Human Services
Hearing: None
Yet
Work Session:
None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell

LD # 197

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Monday, January
25, 2021

[Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds](#) ↗

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to designate \$15,000,000 of federal COVID-19 stimulus funding allocated to the State pursuant to a federal law enacted after December 15, 2020 for community mental health service providers.

Status: Pending
Final Legislative
Action
Committee: Health
And Human
Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session:
None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape


Elizabeth and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, WARREN of Hallowel

LD # 265

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Wednesday,
February 10, 2021

Commented [N7]: Work session today; pam sent in testimony

[An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care](#) 

This bill extends from 60 days to 12 months the period of time following delivery of a baby that a woman may be eligible for services under MaineCare. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a waiver or state plan amendment request no later than January 1, 2022 to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the provisions of this legislation that extend MaineCare coverage to a woman following delivery of a baby from 60 days to 12 months. The department is required to take all reasonable and necessary steps to seek approval of the waiver or state plan amendment. In the event the waiver or state plan amendment is not granted, the department is directed to implement the coverage provisions using federal funds, if allowable, and then using the General Fund. The department is directed to adopt rules no later than 180 days after receiving a decision from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to approve or deny the waiver or state plan amendment. The department is required to report on a quarterly basis beginning April 1, 2022 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters its progress in seeking a waiver or state plan amendment until the process is complete. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to each report.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 1:00 PM
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, WHITE of Waterville

LD # 274

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, February 26,
2021

[Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Determine the Best Methods and Definitions To Use in Collecting Data To Better Understand Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Provision of Health Care in Maine](#) 

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance

<p>This resolve directs the Maine Health Data Organization to determine the best methods and definitions to use in collecting data to assist in analyzing the origins of racial and ethnic disparities in health care in the State and to submit a report with suggested legislation by October 1, 2021 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.</p>	<p>And Financial Hearing: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: Tuesday: 3/2/2021 2:00 PM</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham. Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BROOKS of Lewiston, TALBOT ROSS of Portland

<p>LD # 297</p>	<p>Position: watch</p>	<p>Last Updated: Monday, February 01, 2021</p>
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<p>An Act To Define the Term "Behavioral Health" ↗</p> <p>This bill defines "behavioral health" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B as including but not being limited to a wide range of mental health disorders and illnesses, substance misuse, substance use disorder and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais

<p>LD # 299</p>	<p>Position: watch</p>	<p>Last Updated: Monday, February 01, 2021</p>
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<p>An Act To Provide Clarity in the Laws Governing the Profession of Counseling ↗</p> <p>This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures that provide clarity in the laws governing the profession of counseling. It will provide statutory language that describes and differentiates between the licensed title of counselor and the practice of counseling, similar to that found in Vermont and New Hampshire law and in Maine law governing alcohol and drug</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session:</p>
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counseling.	None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell	

LD # 316	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
An Act To Prohibit the Use of Chlorpyrifos		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Agriculture, Conservation And Forestry Hearing: Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 9:00 AM Work Session: None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln		


LD # 323	Position: watch	Last Updated: Thursday, February 04, 2021
An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Telehealth Services		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.Cosponsored by Representatives: HYMANSON of York,		

TEPLER of Topsham

LD # 330

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Thursday,
February 04, 2021

[An Act To Prevent Accidental Overdoses by Establishing a Protocol for Prescription Drug Recovery](#) 

This bill seeks to reduce accidental overdose deaths caused by access to unused controlled substances by:

1. Requiring an entity, agency, facility or individual who offers or plans to offer any in-home or community support services or institutionally based long-term care services and who administers a controlled substance to an adult with long-term care needs as part of those services, referred to in the bill as "an administering provider," to document any controlled substance prescribed and obtained for the adult with long-term care needs, referred to in the bill as "the client-patient," and to participate in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1603, 11 with certain exceptions;
2. Requiring that all controlled substances be kept in a locked container to which only 13the administering provider, the client-patient and, if there is one, a designated caregiver 14have access; and
3. Requiring the administering provider, upon the death of the client-patient, to collect any unused controlled substances that were prescribed and obtained for that client-patient and dispose of them properly after documenting the National Drug Code, quantity and strength. The administering provider is required to submit this documentation, including the manner of disposal of the controlled substances collected from the deceased client-patient, to the Department of Health and Human Services using the reporting system established in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1603.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, KESSLER of South Portland, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MEYER of Eliot, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PERRY of Calais, ZAGER of Portland.

LD # 333

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Thursday,
February 04, 2021


[An Act Regarding Telehealth](#) 

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

<p>This bill makes changes to the provisions governing health insurance coverage of telehealth services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It authorizes the delivery of health care services through telehealth by audio-only telephone. 2. It clarifies that reimbursement for telehealth services must be made on the same basis and at the same rate as if the services were delivered in person. 3. It clarifies that a carrier may not establish separate deductible limits for telehealth services that are not applied in the aggregate with other services covered under a health plan. 4. It prohibits a carrier from placing restrictions on prescribing medication through telehealth that are more restrictive than requirements of applicable state and federal law for prescribing medication in person. <p>The bill applies to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022</p>	<p>Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative HYMANSON of York

LD # 353	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 26, 2021
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<p>An Act To Establish Medical Marijuana Cooperatives </p> <p>This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.5 This bill proposes to establish medical marijuana cooperatives.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Veterans And Legal Affairs Hearing: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:00 AM Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GRIGNON of Athens, HARRINGTON of Sanford, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington

LD # 360	Position: watch	Last Updated: Thursday, February 04, 2021
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<p>Resolve. To Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services </p> <p>This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 13.03-4 to</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services</p>
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remove from the eligibility requirements for targeted case management services for adults with substance use disorder the provision regarding pregnancy, living with minor children and intravenous drug use.

Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville

LD # 365

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Thursday, February 04, 2021

[An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Medical Bills](#) 

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to protect consumers from surprise 6medical bills.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner.Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook

LD # 366

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

[An Act Regarding Emergency Guardianship](#) 

This bill provides that the delay of discharge of a patient in a hospital until the appointment of a guardian constitutes substantial harm, thereby meeting one of the criteria for the appointment of an emergency guardian.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing: February 24, 2021 Public Hearing 1:00 p.m.
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York andRepresentatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, EVANGELOS of Friendship, HARNETT of Gardiner, RECKITT of South Portland, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland.

LD # 367

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Monday,

		February 08, 2021
An Act To Require Timely Billing for Health Care Services [↗]		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill prohibits a health care practitioner or facility from charging a patient when a billing statement has not been provided within 6 months of the date the patient received the services.</p>		
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN of Cumberland</p>		

LD # 371	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, February 09, 2021
An Act To Make Adjustments to General Fund Appropriations Related to the Supplemental Budget [↗]		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Appropriations And Financial Affairs Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.</p> <p>This bill, as emergency legislation, would make supplemental adjustments to General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.</p>		
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland</p>		

LD # 372	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 10, 2021
An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care [↗]		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021,
<p>This bill makes the following changes to the Cub Care program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It changes the maximum eligibility level for family income from 200% of the federal poverty level to 300% of the federal poverty level. 2. It removes the 3-month waiting period for enrollment in the Cub Care program following the loss of health insurance or coverage under an employer-based plan. 3. It establishes that eligibility is not subject to an asset test. 4. It provides coverage to persons 19 and 20 years of age and to noncitizens under 		

21 years of age. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to use state funds to fund the program but may apply for waivers or state plan amendments to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to receive federal matching funds.

5. It repeals the provisions regarding premium payments for the Cub Care program.

6. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit any waivers or state plan amendments to accomplish the eligibility criteria established in this legislation, including but not limited to removing the 3-month waiting period for enrollment in the Cub Care program following the loss of health insurance or coverage under an employer-based plan.

7. It makes the repeal of the waiting period and premium payment requirements under the Cub Care program contingent on the approval of a waiver of those requirements by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

1:00 PM
Work Session:
 None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth

LD # 374

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
 Monday, March 08,
 2021

[An Act To Allow Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Their Spouses To Apply for Temporary Occupational Licenses and Certifications](#)

This bill allows veterans or active duty members of the United States Armed Forces or spouses of veterans or active duty members of the United States Armed Forces who hold occupational or professional licenses or certifications issued by other states or territories of United States to obtain a temporary license while completing any requirements for licensure or certification in Maine by an occupational or professional licensing board.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee:
 Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc
Hearing: 3/18/21 9:30 a.m.
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo. Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: BAILEY of Gorham

LD # 402

Position: **watch**


Last Updated:
 Wednesday, February

		17, 2021
An Act To Protect an Individual's Personal Data [↗] <p>This bill allows a person immunized or vaccinated in the State to forbid the State to disseminate any personally identifying information collected by the State as part of that immunization or vaccination to any 3rd party, including the Federal Government.</p>		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Judiciary Hearing: Thursday, March 4, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville. Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, BROOKS of Lewiston, COREY of Windham, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FECTION of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec		
LD # 415	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, February 09, 2021
Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services To Reflect Inflation [↗] <p>This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing MaineCare reimbursement for targeted case management services to provide an increase reflecting cost increases from 2010 to 2020.</p>		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Representative STEARNS of Guilford. Cosponsored by Representative: MEYER of Eliot		
LD # 432	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, February 09, 2021
Resolve, To Improve Behavioral Health Care for Children [↗] <p>This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 65 to reimburse for additional collateral contacts for children's home and community-based treatment.</p>		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And

Those additional collateral contacts are between the child's mental health professional and parents, medical providers, psychiatric providers, residential providers, case managers and school personnel as long as the goal of the collateral contact is included in the goals of the 20individual treatment plan.	Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.


LD # 450	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
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An Act To Promote the Education of Patients by Primary Care and Urgent Care Physicians Regarding the Bone Marrow Transplant List 	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: Thursday, March 4, 2021, 1:00 PM Work Session: None Yet
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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and disseminate, in coordination with the national marrow donor program, information and educational materials regarding bone marrow donation. The information and materials must be distributed to the public and to health care providers.

Sponsors:
Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

LD # 488	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 19, 2021
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Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine 	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
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This resolve provides expedited funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 total for the 2021-222 and 2022-23 fiscal years through a competitive request for proposal process to recovery community centers located in Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and York counties serving individuals with substance use disorder.

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, LANDRY of Farmington, McDONALD of Stonington, MEYER of Eliot, O'NEIL of Saco, POIRIER of Skowhegan

LD # 495

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Friday, February 19, 2021

[An Act To Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing New Top Individual Income Tax Rates](#) 

This bill increases the tax rate on the current top bracket under the individual income tax from 7.15% to 8.35% and adds a new bracket of 11.15% on taxable income exceeding \$100,000 for single individuals and married persons filing separately, \$150,000 for heads of household and \$200,000 for individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Taxation

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono. Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, TEPLER of Topsham, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

LD # 496

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Friday, February 19, 2021

[An Act To Clear Waiting Lists for and Ensure Timely Access to Mental Health Services for Maine Children](#) 

This bill provides funding to increase rates in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits 5 Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, Children's Home and Community Based Treatment and Section 97, Appendix D, Principles of Reimbursement for Child Care Facilities by 30% no later than July 1, 2021.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health And Human Services

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of

Waterville

LD # 499

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, February
19, 2021

[An Act To Eliminate the Waiting Lists for Older and Disabled Residents Who Are Eligible To Receive Home-based Care](#) 

This bill provides funding to eliminate the waiting lists for services provided under Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 10-149: Office of Aging and Disability Services, Chapter 5, Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Section 63, In-Home and Community Support Services for Elderly and Other Adults and for services provided under Chapter 14-197: Office of Aging and Disability Services, Chapter 11, Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

LD # 519

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Tuesday, February
23, 2021

[An Act To Protect Children from Exposure to Toxic Chemicals](#) 


The bill also directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to establish an environmental risk advisory committee to assess the environmental and human health risks associated with the use of glyphosate. The advisory committee is required to submit an interim report no later than February 1, 2024 and a final report no later than February 1, 2025 with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters has the authority to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report during the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.


Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation And Forestry
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, DUNPHY of Old Town, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LOOKNER of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren,

Senator:DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

LD # 523	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, March 02, 2021
An Act Regarding Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: March 9, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00 am Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill does the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It requires carriers to provide by January 1, 2023 at least one electronic tool to facilitate the availability of certain prescription drug benefit information in real time at the point of prescribing and when submitting prior authorization requests for prescription drugs. It also permits the Superintendent of Insurance to grant a waiver from the requirements for good cause.2. It requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to monitor compliance by carriers with the requirements of law related to electronic transmission of prior authorization requests for prescription drugs and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage and insurance matters on the status of that compliance by June 1, 2023.		
Sponsors: Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.		

LD # 541	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, March 02, 2021
An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: March 9, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00 am Work Session: None Yet
<p>Part A of the bill does the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It reduces the timing of when updates of price information must be posted on the Maine Health Data Organization's website from twice annually to once annually and also repeals the provisions requiring annual reports related to the 15 most common outpatient procedures and to the 10 services and procedures most often provided by physicians in a private office setting.2. It authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization to adopt rules related to the reporting to the organization of data from the statewide cancer-incidence registry and data related to vital statistics.3. It establishes the Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the organization regarding public reporting of health care trends developed from data reported to the		

organization.
Part B of the bill directs the Maine Health Data Organization to develop and maintain a multipayor provider database and service locator tool in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sponsors:
Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.

LD # 559

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Monday, March
08, 2021

[An Act To Improve the Rights and Basic Protections of Persons with Acquired Brain Injuries](#) 

This bill adds references to persons with acquired brain injuries to laws providing rights and basic protections to persons with intellectual disabilities or autism, including laws governing grievance procedures. It directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to develop and recommend rules and procedures regarding the rights and basic protections of persons with acquired brain injuries. It also requires the commissioner to report the findings and recommendations of the task force to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 2, 2022.

Status: Pending
Final Legislative
Action
Committee:
Health And
Human Services
Hearing: 3/16/21
1:00 p.m.
Work Session:
None Yet

Sponsors:
Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

LD # 560

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Monday, February
22, 2021

[An Act To Amend the Safe Haven Laws](#) 

This bill amends the safe haven laws regarding abandoned children by including a safe haven baby box to the list of safe havens that a person may deliver a newborn child to under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act and to serve as an affirmative defense to the criminal offense of abandonment of a child. A safe haven baby box is a device or container that can safely accept delivery of a newborn child that is located in a hospital, law enforcement facility or fire department facility that is staffed 24 hours a day by a medical services provider.

Status: Pending
Final Legislative
Action
Committee:
Judiciary
Hearing: None
Yet
Work Session:
None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative COREY of Windham. Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, COSTAIN of Plymouth, KINNEY of Knox, MADIGAN of Waterville, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

LD # 582

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Monday, February 22, 2021

[An Act To Support the Fidelity and Sustainability of Assertive Community Treatment](#) 

This bill modifies the definition of "assertive community treatment" to better align the definition with an evidence-based treatment model. The bill adds definitions of "psychiatric provider" and "medical assistant" and changes the description of the composition of the multidisciplinary teams that provide assertive community treatment. The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the MaineCare reimbursement rates for assertive community treatment by 25% immediately to allow providers to continue to offer the service. The bill also requires the department to adopt rules to transition to a per member, per month payment model and to reform the criteria and operation of the program to ensure its fidelity to the evidence-based model for assertive community treatment services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action**Committee:** Health And Human Services**Hearing:** None Yet**Work Session:** None Yet**Sponsors:**

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville

LD # 600

Position: **watch****Last Updated:** Thursday, February 25, 2021

[An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services](#) 

This bill requires insurance coverage for services performed by certified midwives.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action**Committee:** Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial**Hearing:** None Yet**Work Session:** None Yet**Sponsors:**

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LIBBY of Auburn

LD # 603

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Commented [N8]: Will do testimony; and support Work session March 18th Connie will do; will email Brenner for talking points; also will email Pres. Maine Midwifery Group (Val) who will send to Connie

		Thursday, February 25, 2021
An Act Regarding the Practice of Pharmacy		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: MORRIS of Turner, PERRY of Calais</p>		


LD # 612	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, March 08, 2021
An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc Hearing: 3/16/21 9:30 a.m. Work Session: None Yet
<p>Sponsors: Rep. Andrews of Paris</p>		

LD # 617	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, March 02, 2021
An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
<p>This bill does the following.</p>		

<p>1. It requires carriers to provide by January 1, 2023 at least one electronic tool to facilitate the availability of certain prescription drug benefit information in real time at the point of prescribing and when submitting prior authorization requests for prescription 8drugs. It also permits the Superintendent of Insurance to grant a waiver from the requirements for good cause.</p> <p>2. It requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to monitor compliance by carriers with the requirements of law related to electronic transmission of prior authorization requests for prescription drugs and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage and insurance matters on the status of that compliance by June 1, 2023.</p>	<p>Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial</p> <p>Hearing: March 9, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00 am</p> <p>Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, SANBORN of Cumberland

LD # 629	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 26, 2021
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<p>Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers </p> <p>This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers. The task force is directed to submit a report and any suggested legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature by December 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action</p> <p>Committee: Health And Human Services</p> <p>Hearing: None Yet</p> <p>Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison. Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Scarborough


LD # 642	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, March 02, 2021
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<p>An Act To Ensure That Children Receive Behavioral Health Services </p> <p>This bill provides that in the event one parent of a minor child opposes providing</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action</p> <p>Committee:</p>
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behavioral health services to the child, the parents are required to enter mediation with a 3rd party in a manner that is timely to the minor child's situation.	Judiciary Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

LD # 649	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, March 02, 2021
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An Act To Expand and Promote Telehealth Services  <p>This bill provides under the insurance laws that a health care provider may provide telehealth services using telecommunications technology and equipment of the patient's choice or, with the patient's consent, telecommunications technology and equipment available to the provider and the patient. It also provides that a provider not licensed in the State must follow the criteria in the medical licensing laws relating to the provision of telehealth services to a patient in the State.</p> <p>The bill also amends the medical licensing laws for a physician not licensed in the State by expanding the physician's ability to provide consulting services to a patient to allow the physician to provide any telehealth service to a patient. It also changes from discretionary to mandatory the Board of Licensure in Medicine's approval of a physician not licensed in the State to provide telehealth services in the State if the physician meets certain criteria and reduces from \$500 to \$300 the fee the physician must pay to become registered to practice telehealth services in the State.</p>	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, Representative: WHITE of Waterville.


LD # 652	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, March 02, 2021
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An Act To Include an Emergency Reimbursement Rate Review Process in Rate Setting by the Department of Health and Human Services 	Status: Pending Final Legislative
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<p>This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a process for emergency reimbursement rate review to be used at times of extraordinary circumstances. This process must be established as part of the current rate review process undertaken by the department.</p>	<p>Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport. Cosponsored by Representatives: HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WOOD of Portland.

<p>LD # 673</p>	<p>Position: watch</p>	<p>Last Updated: Wednesday, March 03, 2021</p>
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<p>An Act To Create the Insulin Safety Net Program </p> <p>This bill establishes the Insulin Safety Net Program, which is modeled after a similar program in Minnesota. The bill requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to oversee the program. The bill requires that, by January 1, 2022, manufacturers of insulin establish procedures to make insulin available to pharmacies for dispensing to eligible individuals who are in urgent need of insulin or who need access to an affordable insulin supply. The bill requires annual reporting to the Legislature on the number of Maine residents accessing insulin through the program and the cost to manufacturers. The bill includes provision to repeal the program in 5 years.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MAXMIN of Lincoln, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: McDONALD of Stonington, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

<p>LD # 791</p>	<p>Position: watch</p>	<p>Last Updated: Friday, March 05, 2021</p>
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<p>An Act Regarding Telehealth Regulations </p> <p>This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.</p> <p>This bill proposes to amend the laws governing</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:

Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

LD # 797

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 05,
2021

[An Act To Create a Registry To Improve Access to Automated External Defibrillators](#) 

This bill requires the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety to establish a registry of publicly accessible automated external defibrillators located within the State for the purpose of assisting a person or a law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency medical services person who calls for assistance in an emergency situation. The bill authorizes the director to accept grants, funds, equipment and services to establish, operate and maintain the registry of publicly accessible automated external defibrillators and requires the Department of Public Safety to adopt routine technical rules regarding the registry.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Criminal Justice And Public Safety
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.

LD # 804

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Friday,
March 05, 2021

[An Act To Require Notice for Orthopedic Medical Device Recalls](#) 

This bill requires a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility to notify patients when the hospital or ambulatory surgical facility receives notice that an orthopedic medical device that the hospital or ambulatory surgical facility has provided to a patient has been subjected to market withdrawal or United States Food and Drug Administration requested recall.

Notice must be provided to the patient in writing within 30 days and include identification of the specific device, a concise explanation of the reason for the recall and the hazards involved, if any, specific action steps and a point of contact for the patient.

The bill provides for a civil violation if an individual or entity fails to provide the notification. An individual is subject to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000 for each violation, and an entity is subject to a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$15,000 for each violation.


Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, STEWART of Aroostook, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, MADIGAN of Waterville, WHITE of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

LD # 811

Position: **watch****Last Updated:** Friday, March 05, 2021

[An Act To Protect the Reproductive Rights and Freedoms of Maine People](#) 


This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.
This bill seeks to protect the reproductive rights and freedoms of Maine people.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action**Committee:** Judiciary**Hearing:** None Yet**Work Session:** None Yet**Sponsors:**

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

LD # 869

Position: **watch****Last Updated:** Friday, March 05, 2021


[Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment](#) 


This bill directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group of interested parties to review the progressive treatment program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3873-A to increase participation of nonstate mental health institutions in that program and to review for efficiency and effectiveness the processes by which a person may be involuntarily admitted to a psychiatric hospital or receive court-ordered community treatment pursuant to Title 34-B, chapter 3, subchapter 144, article 3. The commissioner is directed to submit a report with recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2021. The committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the recommendations of the report.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action**Committee:** Judiciary**Hearing:** None Yet**Work Session:** None Yet**Sponsors:**

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais. Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot

andRepresentatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, STOVER of Boothbay.

LD # 922	Position: watch	Last Updated: Saturday, March 06, 2021
An Act To Help Cancer Patients with Fertility Preservation 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.Cosponsored by Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.		

LD # 924	Position: watch	Last Updated: Saturday, March 06, 2021
Resolve. To Establish a Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities To Identify Barriers to Full Societal Integration 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities to identify barriers inhibiting adults 18 years of age to 40 years of age with intellectual or developmental disabilities from being fully integrated into society and to recommend possible solutions. The membership of the task force consists of Legislators who serve on the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, health and human services matters and labor and housing matters, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Labor, members of organizations or associations knowledgeable about services for young adults with disabilities after high school, parents or guardians or direct care providers of a young adult with a disability and young adults with disabilities who are eligible to receive services from the State.</p> <p>The Commissioner of Education convenes the task force, which must hold a minimum of 4 meetings and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on</p>		

Education and Cultural Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing with recommendations on targeted reforms to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided by different agencies and continuing educational opportunities for young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities after high school. The task force must also analyze current data and retrospective data for the past 6 years regarding the function and efficacy of current federal and state mandates pertaining to young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities and provide recommendations to enhance the coordination of programs to ensure the most efficient and effective provision of essential services.

Sponsors:


Presented by Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill. Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, DODGE of Belfast, DRINKWATER of Milford.

LD # 942

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Saturday, March 06, 2021

[An Act To Waive Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees for Calendar Year 2020](#) 

This bill waives all licensing and certification fees for calendar year 2020 that are imposed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, which governs professions and occupations. A person who has paid a licensing or certification fee for calendar year 2020 must be reimbursed.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee:

Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor. Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIGNON of Athens, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNOR of Berwick, THORNE of Carmel.

LD # 951

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Saturday, March 06, 2021

[An Act To Improve Transparency of Medical Billing](#) 

This bill provides that:

1. A health care practitioner or laboratory providing health care or laboratory services in a medical office or laboratory must inform patients of the cost of such

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial

care or services prior to provision of that care or those services; and
2. A health care entity may not bill a responsible party for the first time for a medical service that occurred more than one year earlier. It provides that a responsible party who receives a bill for a medical service for the first time for a medical service that occurred more than one year earlier is not obligated to pay the bill. It further provides that a health care entity may not initiate a collection action against the responsible party if the health care entity had not billed the responsible party within one year of the medical service.

Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.Cosponsored by Senator: STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, MORRIS of Turner.

LD # 962

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 05, 2021

[An Act To Appropriate Funds To Eliminate Waiting Lists for Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions](#) 

This bill provides funding to provide services to individuals with brain injury, other related conditions, developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder on the waiting list for community-based services provided under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, Section 29, Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, Section 18, Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Brain Injury and Section 20, Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Other Related Conditions.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville.

LD # 964

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 05, 2021

[An Act To Expand Access to Certified Substance Use Disorder Recovery Residence Services](#) 

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

This bill requires recovery residences to be certified according to the standards set by a nationally recognized organization that supports persons recovering from substance use disorder in order to receive contracts from the department or receive housing vouchers or municipal general assistance housing assistance from a person living in a recovery residence.

The bill also prevents an applicant for general assistance from being denied general assistance for the sole reason that the person is living in a recovery residence.

The bill requires the costs of living in a recovery residence to be calculated in the same manner as for other housing assistance when maximum amounts of general assistance under the municipal ordinance and the amount of general assistance granted to the applicant are established.

Committee:
Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session:
None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MADIGAN of Waterville, PICKETT of Dixfield, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

LD # 968

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 05, 2021

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[Resolve, To Expand Mental Health Crisis Intervention Mobile Response Services](#)

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to expand mental health crisis intervention mobile response services to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the entire State. The department is directed to do this using funding provided for a request for proposal for behavioral health crisis center services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee:
Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session:
None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor. Cosponsored by Representatives: SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Hallowell.

LD # 972

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 05, 2021

[An Act To Establish the Rare Disease Advisory Council](#)

This bill creates the Rare Disease Advisory Council to advise the Department of

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee:

Health and Human Services and the public on issues regarding rare diseases. The bill defines a rare disease as a disease that affects fewer than 200,000 persons in the United States. The council is made up of 14 members, who are health care professionals and others involved with or affected by rare diseases. The council is directed to study a variety of issues regarding rare diseases and their treatment within the State. The council must submit an annual report to the Governor, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Legislature and must post the report on a publicly accessible website.

Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Position: **watch** Priority

Last Updated:
Monday, March 08, 2021

[An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services](#) 

This bill requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for services provided by certified registered nurse anesthetists if those services are within a certified registered nurse anesthetist's scope of practice and are covered services under a health plan. The bill makes the requirement applicable to policies, contracts and certificates executed, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2023.

Status: OTPA
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: Thursday, February 18, 2021, 10:00 AM
Work Session: Tuesday: 3/2/2021 2:00 PM

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.

LD # 295

Position: **support** Priority

Last Updated:
Monday, March 08, 2021

[An Act To Repeal Restrictions That Prohibit Certain Advanced Practice Registered Nurses from Providing Essential Health Care Services](#) 

This bill eliminates a provision in law requiring that a certified nurse practitioner who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse must practice, for at least 24 months, under the supervision of a physician or supervising nurse practitioner or be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician. The bill also removes a requirement that a certified nurse practitioner must complete 24 months of supervised practice to be a supervising nurse practitioner.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: Thursday, February 18, 2021, 10:00 AM
Work Session: TBD

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative PERRY, A. of Calais (Cosponsored by Representative MEYER, M. of Eliot, Representative HEPLER, A. of Woolwich)

LD # 868

Position: **support** Priority**Last Updated:**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

[An Act To Provide Consistency Regarding Persons Authorized To Conduct Examinations for Emergency Involuntary Commitment and Post-admission Examinations](#) [↗](#)

This bill changes the provision of law governing post-admission examination and post-admission discharge from a psychiatric hospital by replacing the term "physician or licensed clinical psychologist" with the term "medical practitioner," which is a defined term

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee:

Judiciary

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session:

None Yet

Sponsors:

Representative Lois RECKITT

LD # 1007

Position: **watch** Priority**Last Updated:**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

[An Act To Increase Availability of Health Care through Telehealth](#) [↗](#)

This bill makes permanent the Governor's Executive Order #35 dated April 6, 2020, which allows certain licensed or registered professionals under Title 32 of the Maine Revised Statutes to provide necessary health care or other services to the extent practicable through the use of all modes of telehealth, including visual and audio, audio-only or other electronic media. The bill also clarifies that these services must be covered by insurance as they would be if provided in person.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn. Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, MORRIS of Turner, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Hallowell, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

LD # 0

Position: **watch****Last Updated:** Saturday,

		March 13, 2021
An Act To Support Universal Health Care	This bill establishes the Maine Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all residents of this State. The bill is modeled on proposed legislation considered in Minnesota.	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MORALES of South Portland, SACHS of Freeport.		

LD # 1	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 26, 2021
An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights (EMERGENCY)	This bill establishes certain requirements for the protection of health care consumers with regard to testing, treatment and immunization for COVID-19. The bill also makes changes to improve access to prescription drugs and to health care services through telehealth. Part A of the bill requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for COVID-19 screening, testing and immunization services and prohibits a carrier from imposing any cost-sharing requirements on consumers for those services. Part B of the bill authorizes a pharmacist to administer COVID-19 vaccines licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for administration to a person 16 years of age or older. Part B also provides that registered nurses, providers of osteopathic medicine, providers of allopathic medicine, podiatrists and dentists may prescribe to a patient a prescription drug for an extended period of time, not to exceed a 180-day supply, during a state of emergency declared by the Governor. Part C of the bill authorizes the delivery of health care services through telehealth by audio-only telephone.	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: Tuesday: 3/2/2021 2:00 PM
Sponsors: Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford		

LD # 4	Position: watch	Last Updated:
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		Thursday, January 14, 2021
An Act To Amend the Maine Pharmacy Act		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Pharmacy Act.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It clarifies the responsibility of the pharmacist in charge of a pharmacy. 2. It repeals the character reference requirement for licensure. 3. It updates and clarifies requirements for licensure by endorsement. 4. It updates the timeline for certain reporting requirements. 5. It eliminates the requirement for submission of a vaccine administration treatment protocol to and approval by the Maine Board of Pharmacy and requires pharmacies to maintain a protocol on the premises and make it available to the board upon request. 		
Sponsors: Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to JointRule 204. Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland		


LD # 8	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, March 15, 2021
An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs		Status: Divided Report Committee: Environment And Natural Resources Hearing: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
<p>This bill provides for the establishment of drug take-back stewardship programs. It requires certain drug manufacturers, as defined in the bill, to operate a drug take-back stewardship program to collect and dispose of certain drugs.</p>		
Sponsors: Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York		

LD # 14	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, January 15, 2021
An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: State And Local

This bill requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to permit the Governor to extend a state of emergency.	Government Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Augusta and Senator: BLACK of Franklin

LD # 17	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, January 11, 2021
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Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program 	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
For details click on bill title.	

Sponsors:
Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Representatives: COREY of Windham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, MADIGAN of Waterville, PLUECKER of Warren, STOVER of Boothbay

LD # 28	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, March 15, 2021
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An Act To Create an Alert System To Notify the Public When a Person with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability Is Missing 	Status: Ought to Pass as Amended Committee: Criminal Justice And Public Safety Hearing: February 8, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00 am Work Session: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:00 AM
This bill requires the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement an alert system to be activated on behalf of missing persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.	

Sponsors:
Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

LD # 38	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, January 12, 2021
An Act To Clarify the Timing of an Appeal of a Finding Regarding Involuntary Mental Health Treatment at a Designated Nonstate Mental Health Institution [↗] <p>This bill amends the process governing a request for review by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee of an order of a clinical review panel regarding involuntary mental health treatment at a designated nonstate mental health institution.</p>		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin		


LD # 47	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics [↗] <p>This bill provides one-time funding of \$250,000 for each year of the biennium to support free health clinics in the State.</p>		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: 2/23/2021 1:00 PM Work Session: None Yet
Sponsors: Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland		

LD # 56	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, January 25, 2021
An Act To Prohibit Insurers and Third-party Payors from Adjusting Their Fee Schedules for In-network Providers Unless the Adjustments Apply to All Specialties [↗] <p>This bill prohibits a carrier from making any change in reimbursement rates or fee schedules applying to any providers participating in the carrier's network unless the changes are applied in the same manner to all participating providers able to provide a health care service or procedure within the lawful scope of the providers' individual licenses. The bill also prohibits a carrier from</p>		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: February 4, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00

discriminating against a provider based on the provider's license or specialty in a manner that denies payment to the provider for an increase in reimbursement to account for a cost-of-living adjustment.	Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative DOORE of Augusta

LD # 96	Position: watch	Last Updated: Saturday, March 13, 2021
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<p>An Act To Create Fairness in the Treatment of Students by Retaining Students with Certain Vaccine Exemptions </p> <p>Current law allows a student covered by an individualized education plan who elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization on or before September 1, 2021 to continue to attend school after September 1, 2021 without being immunized as long as certain statements regarding acknowledgement of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize are provided. This bill extends that exemption to any student who elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization on or before September 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Education And Cultural Affairs Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor. Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIGNON of Athens, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred

LD # 104	Position: support	Last Updated: Saturday, March 13, 2021
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<p>An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Establishment of Procedures To Report Concussions </p> <p>This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to create a procedure by which school administrative units and private schools report annually the number of student athletes who experience concussive and other head injuries while participating in school activities and 12athletics.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Education And Cultural Affairs Hearing: 2/17/2021 10:00 AM Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland

LD # 118

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Wednesday,
January 13, 2021

[An Act To Address Maine's Shortage of Behavioral Health Services for Minors](#) 

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to collect data on the number of children with behavioral health needs remaining in hospital emergency departments for extended stays, the length of the extended stays and the reasons for the extended stays and post the data annually on a publicly accessible website without any information, including health care information, that may directly identify any individual child or family. The department is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with annual data and any department efforts to reduce the number of children and lengths of stay. The department is also required to promote and improve the use of the current children's behavioral health program coordinators within the Office of Child and Family Services to assist hospitals to place children in more appropriate behavioral health settings and report its efforts in a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: MOORE of Washington

LD # 119

Position: **support**

Last Updated:
Thursday, February 04,
2021

[An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs by Amending the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program](#) 

This bill amends the nursing education loan repayment program as follows:
1. It extends eligibility to apply to individuals who are currently enrolled in master's or doctoral degree programs.
2. It specifies that applicants must indicate an intention to work as full-time nursing faculty in a nursing education program in the State, and increases that required commitment from 3 years to 5 years after acceptance into the nursing education loan repayment program.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

3. It increases the maximum amount of loans eligible for repayment under the program from \$4,500 to \$30,000 for a master's degree and from \$6,000 to \$60,000 for a doctoral degree.

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot. Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, PERRY of Calais

LD # 120

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

[An Act To Lower Health Care Costs through the Establishment of the Office of Affordable Health Care](#) 

This bill establishes the Office of Affordable Health Care within the Legislature. The office is charged with analyzing data from the Maine Health Data Organization and the Maine Quality Forum and making recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage matters on methods to improve the cost-efficient provision of high-quality health care to the residents of this State. The office is required to hold an annual public hearing on cost trends no later than October 1st annually at which the public may comment on health care cost trends. The office is required to submit an annual report. The office is independent and nonpartisan, and the legislative committee and an advisory council provide advice on matters affecting health care costs in the State. The advisory council consists of 8 appointed members, including a member who represents hospital interests, a member who represents primary care provider interests, a member who represents a health care consumer advocacy organization, a member who represents health insurance interests, a member who represents purchasers of health care, a member who represents the health care workforce, a member who represents the interests of older residents of this State and a member with demonstrated expertise in health care delivery, health care management at a senior level or health care finance and administration. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services are ex officio members of the advisory council.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, MAXMIN of Lincoln, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: MELARAGNO of Auburn, TEPLER of Topsham

LD # 121

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

		Thursday, January 21, 2021
An Act To Require a Background Check for High-risk Health Care Providers under the MaineCare Program		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill requires MaineCare provider applicants who are high-risk providers or who are in high-risk provider categories to undergo criminal history background checks.</p>		
Sponsors: Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin		

LD # 149	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, March 22, 2021
An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc Hearing: 3/13/21 9:30 AM Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill implements some of the recommendations of Resolve 2019, chapter 79 directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to form a working group to assess barriers to professional licensure for skilled individuals with foreign credentials and licensees of other states who apply for Maine licensure. It allows the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to exercise discretionary authority, after consultation with licensing entities, to waive documentation requirements for licensure submitted by applicants educated in or with relevant experience or licensure in other jurisdictions, including other states, United States territories, foreign nations and foreign administrative divisions, as long as the waiver does not reduce the requisite standards of proficiency for the licensed profession or occupation. It allows the director to exercise discretionary authority to waive examination fees and license fees for applicants for licensure educated in or with relevant experience or licensure in other jurisdictions, including other states, United States territories, foreign nations and foreign administrative divisions. It also allows the office, or a licensing board or commission within the office, to grant provisional licenses to applicants educated in or with relevant experience or licensure in other jurisdictions, including other states, United States territories, foreign nations and foreign administrative divisions. It provides the director with rule-making authority to implement these discretionary authorities. It provides the director with the authority to adopt rules to define the term "jurisdiction" for licensing purposes to mean a state, a United States territory, a foreign nation or a foreign administrative division that issues a license or credential. It provides the director with the authority to accept funds from the</p>		

Federal Government, from any political subdivision of the State or from any individual, foundation or corporation, to expend those funds for purposes consistent with the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8003 and to provide grants to nongovernmental entities for purposes consistent with that law.
It also develops a process for licensure by endorsement for United States license 2holders who meet certain criteria.

Sponsors:


Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to JointRule 204.
Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston

LD # 167

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Friday, February 05, 2021

[An Act To Limit Late Medical Billing to 6 Months](#) 

This bill prohibits a health care entity, including health care practitioners and hospitals and other health care facilities, from charging a patient for health care services when a billing statement has not been provided within 6 months of the date the patient received health care services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial

Hearing: February 11, 2021, 10:00 AM

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec

LD # 172

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Friday, February 26, 2021

[An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access](#) 

This bill requires a 2-dimensional machine-scannable barcode that allows a patient to digitally access prescription information to appear on the prescription label. It also makes a clarifying technical correction.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health And Human Services

Hearing: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 10:00 AM

Work Session: Thursday: 3/4/2021 10:30 AM


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

LD # 178

Position: **oppose****Last Updated:**

Thursday, February 04, 2021

[An Act To Reduce Waste of Prescription Medications](#) 

This bill provides that registered nurses, providers of osteopathic medicine, providers of allopathic medicine, podiatrists and dentists may not prescribe to a patient more than a 30-day supply of a prescription drug that the provider has not previously prescribed to that patient. The bill also provides that a pharmacist may not dispense more than a 30-day supply of a new prescription drug order to a patient who does not have a previous prescription drug order for that drug. The prescribing and dispensing requirements provided in this bill provide exemptions for opioid medications prescribed or dispensed in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 2210, subsection 2; section 2600-C, subsection 2; section 3300-F, subsection 2; section 3657, subsection 2; or section 18308, subsection 2.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial

Hearing: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 10:00 AM

Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative CUDDY of Winterport.

LD # 196

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Monday, January 25, 2021

[Resolve, To Ensure Access to Community Mental Health Services](#) 

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 17 and 65 to increase reimbursement rates for daily living support services and any home and community-based services provided by behavioral health professionals by 15%. It requires that the department ensure that the increase in reimbursement rates be applied to ensure providers are located in a sufficient geographical range for MaineCare members to access services and so that providers can maintain the services provided to MaineCare members.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action


Committee: Health And Human Services


Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell

LD # 197	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, January 25, 2021
<p>Resolve. To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds </p> <p>This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to designate \$15,000,000 of federal COVID-19 stimulus funding allocated to the State pursuant to a federal law enacted after December 15, 2020 for community mental health service providers.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, WARREN of Hallowel</p>		

LD # 265	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 10, 2021
<p>An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care </p> <p>This bill extends from 60 days to 12 months the period of time following delivery of a baby that a woman may be eligible for services under MaineCare. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a waiver or state plan amendment request no later than January 1, 2022 to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the provisions of this legislation that extend MaineCare coverage to a woman following delivery of a baby from 60 days to 12 months. The department is required to take all reasonable and necessary steps to seek approval of the waiver or state plan amendment. In the event the waiver or state plan amendment is not granted, the department is directed to implement the coverage provisions using federal funds, if allowable, and then using the General Fund. The department is directed to adopt rules no later than 180 days after receiving a decision from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to approve or deny the waiver or state plan amendment. The department is required to report on a quarterly basis beginning April 1, 2022 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters its progress in seeking a waiver or state plan amendment until the process is complete. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to each report.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 1:00 PM Work Session: None Yet</p>

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, WHITE of Waterville

LD # 274

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Friday, March 12, 2021

[Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Determine the Best Methods and Definitions To Use in Collecting Data To Better Understand Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Provision of Health Care in Maine](#) [↗](#)

This resolve directs the Maine Health Data Organization to determine the best methods and definitions to use in collecting data to assist in analyzing the origins of racial and ethnic disparities in health care in the State and to submit a report with suggested legislation by October 1, 2021 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial

Hearing: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 10:00 AM

Work Session: Tuesday: 3/2/2021 2:00 PM

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham. Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BROOKS of Lewiston, TALBOT ROSS of Portland

LD # 297

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Monday, February 01, 2021

[An Act To Define the Term "Behavioral Health"](#) [↗](#)

This bill defines "behavioral health" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B as including but not being limited to a wide range of mental health disorders and illnesses, substance misuse, substance use disorder and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action


Committee: Health And Human Services


Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais

LD # 299	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, February 01, 2021
<p>An Act To Provide Clarity in the Laws Governing the Profession of Counseling </p> <p>This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures that provide clarity in the laws governing the profession of counseling. It will provide statutory language that describes and differentiates between the licensed title of counselor and the practice of counseling, similar to that found in Vermont and New Hampshire law and in Maine law governing alcohol and drug counseling.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell</p>		

LD # 316	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
<p>An Act To Prohibit the Use of Chlorpyrifos </p> <p>This bill prohibits the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient beginning January 1, 2022. From January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 the Board of Pesticides Control may grant a temporary permit authorizing a pesticides applicator licensed by the State to use or apply a pesticide containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient, as long as that licensed pesticides applicator possessed the pesticide in the State before January 1, 2022. The board is required to post on its publicly accessible website information on the temporary permits issued.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Agriculture, Conservation And Forestry Hearing: Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 9:00 AM Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden. Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln</p>		

LD # 323	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, March 12,
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An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Telehealth Services	<p>This bill amends the law that requires health insurance carriers to cover telehealth services to provide that health care services provided through telephone communication are considered telehealth services, thus requiring a carrier to cover health care services provided through telephone communication regardless of whether or not other telehealth services are available. It also allows patients receiving MaineCare health services to provide verbal, electronic or written consent to telehealth and telemonitoring services.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais. Cosponsored by Representatives: HYMANSON of York, TEPLER of Topsham</p>		

LD # 330	Position: watch	<p>Last Updated: Thursday, February 04, 2021</p>
An Act To Prevent Accidental Overdoses by Establishing a Protocol for Prescription Drug Recovery	<p>This bill seeks to reduce accidental overdose deaths caused by access to unused controlled substances by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requiring an entity, agency, facility or individual who offers or plans to offer any in-home or community support services or institutionally based long-term care services and who administers a controlled substance to an adult with long-term care needs as part of those services, referred to in the bill as "an administering provider," to document any controlled substance prescribed and obtained for the adult with long-term care needs, referred to in the bill as "the client-patient," and to participate in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1603, 11 with certain exceptions; 2. Requiring that all controlled substances be kept in a locked container to which only 13the administering provider, the client-patient and, if there is one, a designated caregiver 14have access; and 3. Requiring the administering provider, upon the death of the client-patient, to collect any unused controlled substances that were prescribed and obtained for that client-patient and dispose of them properly after documenting the National Drug Code, quantity and strength. The administering provider is required to submit this documentation, including the manner of disposal of the controlled substances collected from the deceased client-patient, to the Department of Health and Human Services using the reporting system established in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1603. 	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, KESSLER of South Portland, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MEYER of Eliot, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PERRY of Calais, ZAGER of Portland.

LD # 333

Position: **watch****Last Updated:** Friday, March 12, 2021[An Act Regarding Telehealth](#) 

This bill makes changes to the provisions governing health insurance coverage of telehealth services.

1. It authorizes the delivery of health care services through telehealth by audio-only telephone.
 2. It clarifies that reimbursement for telehealth services must be made on the same basis and at the same rate as if the services were delivered in person.
 3. It clarifies that a carrier may not establish separate deductible limits for telehealth services that are not applied in the aggregate with other services covered under a health plan.
 4. It prohibits a carrier from placing restrictions on prescribing medication through telehealth that are more restrictive than requirements of applicable state and federal law for prescribing medication in person.
- The bill applies to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative HYMANSON of York

LD # 353

Position: **watch****Last Updated:** Friday, February 26, 2021[An Act To Establish Medical Marijuana Cooperatives](#) 

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.5 This bill proposes to establish medical marijuana cooperatives.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Veterans And Legal Affairs
Hearing: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:00 AM
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GRIGNON of Athens, HARRINGTON of Sanford, WHITE

of Waterville, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington

LD # 360

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Thursday,
February 04, 2021

[Resolve. To Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services](#) [↗](#)

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 13.03-4 to remove from the eligibility requirements for targeted case management services for adults with substance use disorder the provision regarding pregnancy, living with minor children and intravenous drug use.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville

LD # 365

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Thursday, February 04, 2021

[An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Medical Bills](#) [↗](#)

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to protect consumers from surprise medical bills.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner. Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook

LD # 366

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

[An Act Regarding Emergency Guardianship](#) [↗](#)

This bill provides that the delay of discharge of a patient in a hospital until

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Judiciary

the appointment of a guardian constitutes substantial harm, thereby meeting one of the criteria for the appointment of an emergency guardian.

Hearing: February 24, 2021 Public Hearing
1:00 p.m.
Work Session: None
Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, EVANGELOS of Friendship, HARNETT of Gardiner, RECKITT of South Portland, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland.

LD # 367

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Monday, February 08, 2021

[An Act To Require Timely Billing for Health Care Services](#) 

This bill prohibits a health care practitioner or facility from charging a patient when a billing statement has not been provided within 6 months of the date the patient received the services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN of Cumberland

LD # 371

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Tuesday, February 09, 2021

[An Act To Make Adjustments to General Fund Appropriations Related to the Supplemental Budget](#) 

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill, as emergency legislation, would make supplemental adjustments to General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Appropriations And Financial Affairs
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland

LD # 372	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 10, 2021
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[An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care](#) 

This bill makes the following changes to the Cub Care program.


1. It changes the maximum eligibility level for family income from 200% of the federal poverty level to 300% of the federal poverty level.
2. It removes the 3-month waiting period for enrollment in the Cub Care program following the loss of health insurance or coverage under an employer-based plan.
3. It establishes that eligibility is not subject to an asset test.
4. It provides coverage to persons 19 and 20 years of age and to noncitizens under 21 years of age. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to use state funds to fund the program but may apply for waivers or state plan amendments to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to receive federal matching funds.
5. It repeals the provisions regarding premium payments for the Cub Care program.
6. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit any waivers or state plan amendments to accomplish the eligibility criteria established in this legislation, including but not limited to removing the 3-month waiting period for enrollment in the Cub Care program following the loss of health insurance or coverage under an employer-based plan.
7. It makes the repeal of the waiting period and premium payment requirements under the Cub Care program contingent on the approval of a waiver of those requirements by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 1:00 PM
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth

LD # 374	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, March 08, 2021
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[An Act To Allow Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Their Spouses To Apply for Temporary Occupational Licenses and Certifications](#) 


This bill allows veterans or active duty members of the United States Armed Forces or spouses of veterans or active duty members of the United States Armed Forces who hold occupational or professional licenses or certifications

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc
Hearing: 3/18/21 9:30 a.m.

issued by other states or territories of United States to obtain a temporary license while completing any requirements for licensure or certification in Maine by an occupational or professional licensing board.	Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo. Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: BAILEY of Gorham

LD # 402	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
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An Act To Protect an Individual's Personal Data  <p>This bill allows a person immunized or vaccinated in the State to forbid the State to disseminate any personally identifying information collected by the State as part of that immunization or vaccination to any 3rd party, including the Federal Government.</p>	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Judiciary Hearing: Thursday, March 4, 2021, 10:00 AM Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville. Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, BROOKS of Lewiston, COREY of Windham, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FECTION of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec


LD # 415	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, February 09, 2021
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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services To Reflect Inflation  <p>This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing MaineCare reimbursement for targeted case management services to provide an increase reflecting cost increases from 2010 to 2020.</p>	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
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Sponsors:

Presented by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.Cosponsored by Representative: MEYER of Eliot

LD # 432	Position: watch	Last Updated: Tuesday, February 09, 2021
Resolve. To Improve Behavioral Health Care for Children 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 65 to reimburse for additional collateral contacts for children's home and community-based treatment. Those additional collateral contacts are between the child's mental health professional and parents, medical providers, psychiatric providers, residential providers, case managers and school personnel as long as the goal of the collateral contact is included in the goals of the 20individual treatment plan.</p>		
Sponsors: Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.		

LD # 450	Position: watch	Last Updated: Wednesday, March 10, 2021
An Act To Promote the Education of Patients by Primary Care and Urgent Care Physicians Regarding the Bone Marrow Transplant List 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: Thursday, March 4, 2021, 1:00 PM Work Session: 3/18/2021 10:00 AM
<p>This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and disseminate, in coordination with the national marrow donor program, information and educational materials regarding bone marrow donation. The information and materials must be distributed to the public and to health care providers.</p>		
Sponsors: Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.		

LD # 488	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 19, 2021
<p>Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine </p> <p>This resolve provides expedited funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 total for the 2021-222 and 2022-23 fiscal years through a competitive request for proposal process to recovery community centers located in Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and York counties serving individuals with substance use disorder.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln.Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford andRepresentatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, LANDRY of Farmington, McDONALD of Stonington, MEYER of Eliot, O'NEIL of Saco, POIRIER of Skowhegan</p>		

LD # 495	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 19, 2021
<p>An Act To Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing New Top Individual Income Tax Rates </p> <p>This bill increases the tax rate on the current top bracket under the individual income tax from 7.15% to 8.35% and adds a new bracket of 11.15% on taxable income exceeding \$100,000 for single individuals and married persons filing separately, \$150,000 for heads of household and \$200,000 for individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Taxation Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono.Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland andRepresentatives: COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, ROEDER of Bangor,TEPLER of Topsham, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor</p>		

LD # 496	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 19, 2021
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<p>An Act To Clear Waiting Lists for and Ensure Timely Access to Mental Health Services for Maine Children ↗</p> <p>This bill provides funding to increase rates in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits 5Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, Children's Home and Community Based Treatment and Section 97, Appendix D, Principles of Reimbursement for Child Care Facilities by 30% no later than July 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville

LD # 499	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, February 19, 2021
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<p>An Act To Eliminate the Waiting Lists for Older and Disabled Residents Who Are Eligible To Receive Home-based Care ↗</p> <p>This bill provides funding to eliminate the waiting lists for services provided under Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 10-149: Office of Aging and Disability Services, Chapter 5, Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Section 63, In-Home and Community Support Services for Elderly and Other Adults and for services provided under Chapter 14-197: Office of Aging and Disability Services, Chapter 11, Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

LD # 519	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, March 22, 2021
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<p>An Act To Protect Children from Exposure to Toxic Chemicals ↗</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action</p>
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The bill also directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to establish an environmental risk advisory committee to assess the environmental and human health risks associated with the use of glyphosate. The advisory committee is required to submit an interim report no later than February 1, 2024 and a final report no later than February 1, 2025 with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters has the authority to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report during the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Committee:
Agriculture,
Conservation And
Forestry
Hearing: Thursday,
March 25, 2021,
9:00 AM
Work Session: None
Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, DUNPHY of Old Town, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LOOKNER of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

LD # 523

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Tuesday, March 02,
2021

[An Act Regarding Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs](#) 

This bill does the following.

1. It requires carriers to provide by January 1, 2023 at least one electronic tool to facilitate the availability of certain prescription drug benefit information in real time at the point of prescribing and when submitting prior authorization requests for prescription drugs. It also permits the Superintendent of Insurance to grant a waiver from the requirements for good cause.
2. It requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to monitor compliance by carriers with the requirements of law related to electronic transmission of prior authorization requests for prescription drugs and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage and insurance matters on the status of that compliance by June 1, 2023.

Status: Pending
Final Legislative
Action
Committee: Health
Coverage, Insurance
And Financial
Hearing: March 9,
2021 Public Hearing
10:00 am
Work Session: None
Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

LD # 541

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Tuesday, March 02,
2021

[An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis](#) 

Part A of the bill does the following.

1. It reduces the timing of when updates of price information must be posted on the Maine Health Data Organization's website from twice annually to once annually and also repeals the provisions requiring annual reports related to the 15 most common outpatient procedures and to the 10 services and procedures most often provided by physicians in a private office setting.
2. It authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization to adopt rules related to the reporting to the organization of data from the statewide cancer-incidence registry and data related to vital statistics.
3. It establishes the Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the organization regarding public reporting of health care trends developed from data reported to the organization.

Part B of the bill directs the Maine Health Data Organization to develop and maintain a multipayer provider database and service locator tool in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial

Hearing: March 9, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00 am

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.

LD # 559

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Monday, March 08, 2021

[An Act To Improve the Rights and Basic Protections of Persons with Acquired Brain Injuries](#) 

This bill adds references to persons with acquired brain injuries to laws providing rights and basic protections to persons with intellectual disabilities or autism, including laws governing grievance procedures. It directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to develop and recommend rules and procedures regarding the rights and basic protections of persons with acquired brain injuries. It also requires the commissioner to report the findings and recommendations of the task force to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 2, 2022.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health And Human Services


Hearing: 3/16/21 1:00 p.m.

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

LD # 560	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, February 22, 2021
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[An Act To Amend the Safe Haven Laws](#) 


This bill amends the safe haven laws regarding abandoned children by including a safe haven baby box to the list of safe havens that a person may deliver a newborn child to under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act and to serve as an affirmative defense to the criminal offense of abandonment of a child. A safe haven baby box is a device or container that can safely accept delivery of a newborn child that is located in a hospital, law enforcement facility or fire department facility that is staffed 24 hours a day by a medical services provider.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative COREY of Windham. Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, COSTAIN of Plymouth, KINNEY of Knox, MADIGAN of Waterville, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

LD # 582	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, February 22, 2021
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[An Act To Support the Fidelity and Sustainability of Assertive Community Treatment](#) 


This bill modifies the definition of "assertive community treatment" to better align the definition with an evidence-based treatment model. The bill adds definitions of "psychiatric provider" and "medical assistant" and changes the description of the composition of the multidisciplinary teams that provide assertive community treatment. The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the MaineCare reimbursement rates for assertive community treatment by 25% immediately to allow providers to continue to offer the service. The bill also requires the department to adopt rules to transition to a per member, per month payment model and to reform the criteria and operation of the program to ensure its fidelity to the evidence-based model for assertive community treatment services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:


Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville

LD # 600	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, March 22, 2021
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<p>An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services </p> <p>This bill requires insurance coverage for services performed by certified midwives.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: 3/25/21 10 AM</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LIBBY of Auburn

LD # 603	Position: watch	Last Updated: Thursday, February 25, 2021
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<p>An Act Regarding the Practice of Pharmacy </p> <p>This bill amends the definition of the terms "pharmacist" and "practice of pharmacy" in the Maine Pharmacy Act. It also requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy to establish the specifications for administering medications, drugs, devices and other materials within the practice of pharmacy.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:
Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: MORRIS of Turner, PERRY of Calais

LD # 612	Position: watch	Last Updated: Monday, March 08, 2021
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<p>An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine </p> <p>This bill creates a framework for the various government agencies, boards, departments and other governmental entities that regulate and issue licenses within the State to offer a path to certification or licensure in Maine to persons who hold occupational credentials from other states in order to allow those persons to more quickly qualify to work within their occupations or professions in Maine.</p>	<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advanc Hearing: 3/16/21 9:30 a.m. Work Session: None Yet</p>
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Sponsors:

Rep. Andrews of Paris

LD # 617

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Tuesday, March 02, 2021

[An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs](#) 

This bill does the following.

1. It requires carriers to provide by January 1, 2023 at least one electronic tool to facilitate the availability of certain prescription drug benefit information in real time at the point of prescribing and when submitting prior authorization requests for prescription 8drugs. It also permits the Superintendent of Insurance to grant a waiver from the requirements for good cause.
2. It requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to monitor compliance by carriers with the requirements of law related to electronic transmission of prior authorization requests for prescription drugs and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage and insurance matters on the status of that compliance by June 1, 2023.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action**Committee:** Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial**Hearing:** March 9, 2021 Public Hearing 10:00 am**Work Session:** None Yet**Sponsors:**

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, SANBORN of Cumberland

LD # 629

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

[Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers](#) 

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers. The task force is directed to submit a report and any suggested legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature by December 1, 2021.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action**Committee:** Health And Human Services**Hearing:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 9:00 AM,**Work Session:** None Yet**Sponsors:**

Presented by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison. Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Scarborough

LD # 642

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 19,
2021

[An Act To Ensure That Children Receive Behavioral Health Services](#) 

This bill provides that in the event one parent of a minor child opposes providing behavioral health services to the child, the parents are required to enter mediation with a 3rd party in a manner that is timely to the minor child's situation.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:00 PM
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

LD # 649

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 12,
2021

[An Act To Expand and Promote Telehealth Services](#) 

This bill provides under the insurance laws that a health care provider may provide telehealth services using telecommunications technology and equipment of the patient's choice or, with the patient's consent, telecommunications technology and equipment available to the provider and the patient. It also provides that a provider not licensed in the State must follow the criteria in the medical licensing laws relating to the provision of telehealth services to a patient in the State. The bill also amends the medical licensing laws for a physician not licensed in the State by expanding the physician's ability to provide consulting services to a patient to allow the physician to provide any telehealth service to a patient. It also changes from discretionary to mandatory the Board of Licensure in Medicine's approval of a physician not licensed in the State to provide telehealth services in the State if the physician meets certain criteria and reduces from \$500 to \$300 the fee the physician must pay to become registered to practice telehealth services in the State.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

LD # 652

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

[An Act To Include an Emergency Reimbursement Rate Review Process in Rate Setting by the Department of Health and Human Services](#) 

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a process for emergency reimbursement rate review to be used at times of extraordinary circumstances. This process must be established as part of the current rate review process undertaken by the department.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health And Human Services

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 9:00 AM,


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport. Cosponsored by Representatives: HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WOOD of Portland.

LD # 673

Position: **watch****Last Updated:**

Wednesday, March 03, 2021

[An Act To Create the Insulin Safety Net Program](#) 

This bill establishes the Insulin Safety Net Program, which is modeled after a similar program in Minnesota. The bill requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to oversee the program. The bill requires that, by January 1, 2022, manufacturers of insulin establish procedures to make insulin available to pharmacies for dispensing to eligible individuals who are in urgent need of insulin or who need access to an affordable insulin supply. The bill requires annual reporting to the Legislature on the number of Maine residents accessing insulin through the program and the cost to manufacturers. The bill includes provision to repeal the program in 5 years.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial


Hearing: None Yet


Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MAXMIN of Lincoln, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: McDONALD of Stonington, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS

of Bar Harbor.

LD # 791	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, March 05, 2021
An Act Regarding Telehealth Regulations 	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet	
This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the laws governing telehealth.		
Sponsors: Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland.Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.		

LD # 797	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, March 05, 2021
An Act To Create a Registry To Improve Access to Automated External Defibrillators 	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Criminal Justice And Public Safety Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet	
This bill requires the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety to establish a registry of publicly accessible automated external defibrillators located within the State for the purpose of assisting a person or a law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency medical services person who calls for assistance in an emergency situation. The bill authorizes the director to accept grants, funds, equipment and services to establish, operate and maintain the registry of publicly accessible automated external defibrillators and requires the Department of Public Safety to adopt routine technical rules regarding the registry.		
Sponsors: Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.		

LD # 804	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, March 05, 2021
An Act To Require Notice for Orthopedic Medical Device Recalls 	Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee:	
This bill requires a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility to notify patients		

when the hospital or ambulatory surgical facility receives notice that an orthopedic medical device that the hospital or ambulatory surgical facility has provided to a patient has been subjected to market withdrawal or United States Food and Drug Administration requested recall.

Notice must be provided to the patient in writing within 30 days and include identification of the specific device, a concise explanation of the reason for the recall and the hazards involved, if any, specific action steps and a point of contact for the patient.

The bill provides for a civil violation if an individual or entity fails to provide the notification. An individual is subject to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000 for each violation, and an entity is subject to a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$15,000 for each violation.

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Economic Advanc
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None
Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, STEWART of Aroostook, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, MADIGAN of Waterville, WHITE of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

LD # 811

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Friday, March 05, 2021

[An Act To Protect the Reproductive Rights and Freedoms of Maine People](#) 

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.
This bill seeks to protect the reproductive rights and freedoms of Maine people.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

LD # 869

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Friday, March 05, 2021

[Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment](#) 

This bill directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing: None

stakeholder group of interested parties to review the progressive treatment program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3873-A to increase participation of nonstate mental health institutions in that program and to review for efficiency and effectiveness the processes by which a person may be involuntarily admitted to a psychiatric hospital or receive court-ordered community treatment pursuant to Title 34-B, chapter 3, subchapter 144, article 3. The commissioner is directed to submit a report with recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2021. The committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the recommendations of the report.

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Work Session:
 None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais. Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, STOVER of Boothbay.

LD # 922

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
 Saturday, March 06, 2021

[An Act To Help Cancer Patients with Fertility Preservation](#) 

This bill requires insurance carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for fertility preservation services when necessary cancer treatment may directly or indirectly cause infertility. The requirements of the bill apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

LD # 924

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
 Saturday, March 06, 2021

[Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities To Identify Barriers to Full Societal Integration](#) 

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet

Developmental Disabilities to identify barriers inhibiting adults 18 years of age to 40 years of age with intellectual or developmental disabilities from being fully integrated into society and to recommend possible solutions. The membership of the task force consists of Legislators who serve on the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, health and human services matters and labor and housing matters, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Labor, members of organizations or associations knowledgeable about services for young adults with disabilities after high school, parents or guardians or direct care providers of a young adult with a disability and young adults with disabilities who are eligible to receive services from the State.

The Commissioner of Education convenes the task force, which must hold a minimum of 4 meetings and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing with recommendations on targeted reforms to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided by different agencies and continuing educational opportunities for young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities after high school. The task force must also analyze current data and retrospective data for the past 6 years regarding the function and efficacy of current federal and state mandates pertaining to young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities and provide recommendations to enhance the coordination of programs to ensure the most efficient and effective provision of essential services.

Work Session:
None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill. Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, DODGE of Belfast, DRINKWATER of Milford.

LD # 942

Position: **watch**

Last Updated: Friday,
March 19, 2021

[An Act To Waive Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees for Calendar Year 2020](#) 


This bill waives all licensing and certification fees for calendar year 2020 that are imposed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, which governs professions and occupations. A person who has paid a licensing or certification fee for calendar year 2020 must be reimbursed.


Status: Pending Final
Legislative Action
Committee:
Innovation,
Development,
Economic Advanc
Hearing: Tuesday,
March 30, 2021 1:00
PM
Work Session: None
Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor. Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIGNON of Athens, MASON of Lisbon,

O'CONNOR of Berwick, THORNE of Carmel.

LD # 951	Position: watch	Last Updated: Saturday, March 06, 2021
An Act To Improve Transparency of Medical Billing 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill provides that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A health care practitioner or laboratory providing health care or laboratory services in a medical office or laboratory must inform patients of the cost of such care or services prior to provision of that care or those services; and2. A health care entity may not bill a responsible party for the first time for a medical service that occurred more than one year earlier. It provides that a responsible party who receives a bill for a medical service for the first time for a medical service that occurred more than one year earlier is not obligated to pay the bill. It further provides that a health care entity may not initiate a collection action against the responsible party if the health care entity had not billed the responsible party within one year of the medical service.		
Sponsors: Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford. Cosponsored by Senator: STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, MORRIS of Turner.		

LD # 962	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, March 05, 2021
An Act To Appropriate Funds To Eliminate Waiting Lists for Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions 		Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet
<p>This bill provides funding to provide services to individuals with brain injury, other related conditions, developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder on the waiting list for community-based services provided under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, Section 29, Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, Section 18, Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Brain Injury and Section 20, Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Other Related Conditions.</p>		
Sponsors:		

Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth. Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville.

LD # 964

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 05,
2021

[An Act To Expand Access to Certified Substance Use Disorder Recovery Residence Services](#) 

This bill requires recovery residences to be certified according to the standards set by a nationally recognized organization that supports persons recovering from substance use disorder in order to receive contracts from the department or receive housing vouchers or municipal general assistance housing assistance from a person living in a recovery residence.
The bill also prevents an applicant for general assistance from being denied general assistance for the sole reason that the person is living in a recovery residence.
The bill requires the costs of living in a recovery residence to be calculated in the same manner as for other housing assistance when maximum amounts of general assistance under the municipal ordinance and the amount of general assistance granted to the applicant are established.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MADIGAN of Waterville, PICKETT of Dixfield, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

LD # 968

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 05,
2021

[Resolve, To Expand Mental Health Crisis Intervention Mobile Response Services](#) 

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to expand mental health crisis intervention mobile response services to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the entire State. The department is directed to do this using funding provided for a request for proposal for behavioral health crisis center services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor. Cosponsored by Representatives: SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Hallowell.

LD # 972

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Friday, March 19,
2021

[An Act To Establish the Rare Disease Advisory Council](#) 

This bill creates the Rare Disease Advisory Council to advise the Department of Health and Human Services and the public on issues regarding rare diseases. The bill defines a rare disease as a disease that affects fewer than 200,000 persons in the United States. The council is made up of 14 members, who are health care professionals and others involved with or affected by rare diseases. The council is directed to study a variety of issues regarding rare diseases and their treatment within the State. The council must submit an annual report to the Governor, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Legislature and must post the report on a publicly accessible website.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Health And Human Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

LD # 994

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Tuesday, March 09,
2021

[An Act To Promote Public Health by Eliminating Criminal Penalties for Possession of Hypodermic Apparatuses](#) 

This bill amends the provisions regarding hypodermic apparatuses in the following ways.

1. It allows a person to possess a residual amount of a scheduled drug that is contained in one or more hypodermic apparatuses without committing the crime of unlawful possession of a scheduled drug.232. It repeals the law governing the crimes of trafficking in or furnishing hypodermic apparatuses.
3. It repeals the law governing the crime of illegal possession of hypodermic apparatuses.
4. It removes from the definition of drug paraphernalia under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1111-A items used for testing, analyzing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body scheduled drugs.
5. It removes similar provisions in the food and drug safety provisions of the

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action
Committee: Criminal Justice And Public Safety
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session: None Yet

Maine Revised Statutes and in the Maine Pharmacy Act.

Sponsors:


Presented by Representative McDONALD of Stonington. Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, PLUECKER of Warren, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Scarborough, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

LD # 1003

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Friday, March 12, 2021

[An Act To Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss](#) 

This bill amends the requirements in current law for coverage of prosthetic devices to clarify that coverage must be provided by health insurance carriers for the prosthetic device determined by the enrollee's provider to adequately meet the recreational needs of an enrollee as well as the medical needs of an enrollee.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville. Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

LD # 1059

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Friday, March 19, 2021

[An Act To Provide Substance Use Disorder Treatment to Adolescents](#) 

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to work with stakeholders to develop and fund a continuum of evidence-based treatment services for adolescents affected by substance use disorder. Services would include, but not be limited to, detoxification beds in hospitals or residential settings and intensive outpatient treatment services.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action


Committee: Health And Human Services


Hearing: None Yet


Work Session: None Yet


Sponsors:


Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland.


LD # 1064	Position: watch	Last Updated: Saturday, March 13, 2021
<p>An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State </p> <p>This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for palliative care for the entire interdisciplinary team as appropriate to the plan of care, regardless of setting, including hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics and home care providers. It also requires the department to adopt rules that support and standardize the delivery of palliative care in the State, including but not limited to strategies for the distribution of public educational documents and the distribution by health care providers of information regarding the availability of palliative care to patients. It also requires the department to consult with the Maine Hospice Council, the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and other stakeholders when developing educational documents and rules related to palliative care.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington.</p>		

LD # 1080	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, March 19, 2021
<p>Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Update the Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services </p> <p>This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to update the rights of recipients of mental health services regarding treatment, the delivery structure and the entities that oversee the safe and effective delivery of mental health services, including to align the rights with contractual agreements with service providers, current federal and state privacy laws and best practices for the delivery of clinically appropriate assessment and treatment models for persons with mental illness.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay. Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, HARNETT of Gardiner, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TEPLER of Topsham, WARREN of Hallowell.</p>		

LD # 1082	Position: watch	Last Updated: Saturday, March 13, 2021
<p>An Act To Improve Educational Opportunities by Exempting Children Who Attend Virtual Public Charter Schools from Immunization Requirements and Expanding Enrollment at Virtual Public Charter Schools </p> <p>This bill increases the total enrollment at virtual public charter schools authorized by the Maine Charter School Commission from 1,000 at all virtual public charter schools to 1,500 at a virtual public charter school. It allows a virtual public charter school to expand to serve grade levels beyond the grade levels under the school's initial or renewed charter contract to include grade levels 5 and 6. It exempts children who are enrolled in or attend a virtual public charter school from immunization requirements. It also allows the Maine Charter School Commission to adopt safety protocols for physical attendance by such children at any class or school program.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Education And Cultural Affairs Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred. Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representative: DRINKWATER of Milford.</p>		

LD # 1090	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, March 19, 2021
<p>Resolve, To Equitably Fund Legal Fees for Progressive Treatment Programs </p> <p>This resolve establishes a pilot project within the Department of Health and Human Services to fund court and legal fees incurred by a superintendent or chief administrative officer of a nonstate mental health institution or a director of an assertive community treatment service team in association with filing and obtaining an order from the District Court to admit a patient to a progressive treatment program. The pilot project is funded up to \$250,000 from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund to provide up to \$800 per application. The department is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters at the conclusion of the pilot project. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin</p>		

LD # 1113	Position: watch	Last Updated: Saturday, March 20, 2021
<p>Resolve, To Direct the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study and Propose Solutions to Disparities in Access to Prenatal Care in the State </p> <p>This resolve directs the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to study disparities in access to prenatal care in the State. It authorizes the commission to submit legislation that serves to create equity in access to prenatal care in the State to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature and allows the members of the commission to be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in this work.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health And Human Services Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>
<p>Sponsors: Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.</p>		

LD # 1115	Position: watch	Last Updated: Saturday, March 20, 2021
<p>An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications </p> <p>This bill makes the following changes to improve access to HIV prevention drugs. The bill requires that any drug formulary used in the MaineCare program must ensure that HIV prevention drugs are available to members covered by MaineCare. The bill requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for an enrollee for HIV prevention drugs that have been determined to be medically necessary by a health care provider. A carrier is not required to cover a preexposure prophylaxis drug, also known as PrEP, in excess of a 60-day supply to a single enrollee every 2 years. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of an HIV prevention drug, a carrier is not required to cover all of the therapeutically equivalent drugs as long as the carrier covers at least one therapeutically equivalent drug at the tier with the lowest cost-sharing requirement on the carrier's prescription drug formulary. The bill also prohibits a carrier from imposing prior authorization or step therapy requirements on any HIV prevention drug, except that, if the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of an HIV prevention drug, a carrier is required to cover at least one therapeutically equivalent drug without prior authorization or step therapy requirements. The bill's requirements with</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial Hearing: None Yet Work Session: None Yet</p>

regard to health insurance carriers apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022.

The bill also authorizes a pharmacist to dispense HIV prevention drugs under certain conditions without a prescription subject to rules for dispensing and protocols adopted by the Maine Board of Pharmacy.

Sponsors:

Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

LD # 1131

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Friday, March 19, 2021

[An Act To Allow Reciprocity for Licensed Workers from Out of State](#)

This bill creates a framework for the various government agencies, boards, departments and other governmental entities that regulate and issue licenses within the State to offer a path to certification or licensure in Maine to persons who hold occupational credentials from other states in order to allow those persons to more quickly qualify to work within their occupations or professions in Maine.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee:

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Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot

LD # 1147

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:

Friday, March 19, 2021

[Resolve, To Enhance Access to Medication Management for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness](#)

This resolve provides for a 25% rate increase for the medication management services provided under Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, and requires the department to amend its rules governing medication management services to respond to the increased demand and complexity of the need.

Status: Pending Final Legislative Action

Committee:

Health And Human Services

Hearing: None Yet

Work Session: None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, MEYER of Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

LD # 1177

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Sunday, March 21,
2021

[An Act To Increase Access to Intranasal Naloxone Hydrochloride for Syringe Services Programs](#) 

This bill allows hypodermic apparatus exchange programs and overdose prevention programs to distribute intranasal naloxone hydrochloride through vending machines in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Status: Pending
Final Legislative
Action
Committee: Health
And Human
Services
Hearing: None Yet
Work Session:
None Yet

Sponsors:

Presented by Representative McDONALD of Stonington. Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

LD # 1194

Position: **watch**

Last Updated:
Sunday, March 21,
2021


[An Act To Reduce Health Care Worker Shortages](#) 

This bill makes permanent the authorization for licensing out-of-state and recently retired doctors, physician assistants and nurses that was provided through executive order during the declared state of civil emergency related to COVID-19. The bill also expands the scope of health care services that can be provided through telehealth to include the use of audio-only telephone.

Status: Pending
Final Legislative
Action
Committee: Health
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Sponsors:

Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn. Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, GEIGER of Rockland, PERRY of Calais, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

LD # 1196	Position: watch	Last Updated: Friday, March 19, 2021
<p>An Act Regarding Targets for Health Plan Investments in Primary Care and Behavioral Health </p> <p>This bill requires health carriers to meet certain targets for investment and spending in primary care and behavioral health care beginning in plan year 2023 and through plan year 2026.</p> <p>Overall spending may not increase to meet the targets. The bill establishes a benchmark for combined spending in primary care and behavioral health care as a percentage of overall health spending. The benchmark is indexed to the median amount spent by carriers on primary care and behavioral health care for plan year 2019. The bill requires carriers to increase relative spending in these areas by at least 2% per year if spending is less than or equal to the median and at least 1% per year if spending is above the median. Beginning in plan year 2027, carriers are required to maintain, at a minimum, the total combined spending on primary care and behavioral health care achieved in plan year 2026. The bill prohibits the Superintendent of Insurance from approving health insurance rates filed by a carrier unless the carrier demonstrates that the targets have been met.</p> <p>The bill also authorizes a carrier to meet the spending targets by supplemental payments focused on primary care and behavioral health care.</p> <p>The bill also requires the MaineCare program and the state employee health plan to meet the same targets beginning in 2023.</p>		<p>Status: Pending Final Legislative Action</p> <p>Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance And Financial</p> <p>Hearing: None Yet</p> <p>Work Session: None Yet</p>
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