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## **An Act To Discontinue Over-the-counter Drug Coverage for MaineCare Patients**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-M, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. No coverage for over-the-counter drugs under MaineCare.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, beginning October 1, 2007 over-the-counter drugs may not be subject to reimbursement or coverage under MaineCare.

**Sec. 2. Rulemaking.** By October 1, 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the rules of the MaineCare program for coverage of medically necessary medications to discontinue coverage of over-the-counter medications. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill discontinues MaineCare coverage for over-the-counter drugs beginning October 1, 2007 and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules of the MaineCare program for coverage of medically necessary medication to carry out the provisions of this bill. The rules are designated as routine technical rules.