



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Provide Protections for Maine Patients Facing Step Therapy

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-432)**

**Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

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### Fiscal Note

Maine State Employee Health Plan not affected

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Drug step therapy is the practice of beginning drug therapy for a medical condition with the most cost-effective and safest drug and progressing to other more costly or risky therapies only if necessary, with the goal of controlling costs and minimizing risks. This bill adds an exception process that must be clear, readily accessible and convenient to the patient and prescriber. The Maine State Employee Health Plan does not permit step therapy and will not be affected by this bill.