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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1244, L.D. 1692, Bill, “An Act To Clarify Case Management Supervision Authority and Ensure Access to Case Management Services”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Provide Reimbursement for MaineCare Services Provided by Qualified, Unlicensed Professionals Who Are Supervised by Licensed Health Professionals'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, services critical to the well-being of many individuals covered by the MaineCare program and other programs of health insurance are provided in this State by capable professionals licensed in a variety of health care disciplines; and

Whereas, these qualified professionals, pursuant to general authority under their licenses to practice their professions, have delegated certain functions to other capable and qualified persons; and

Whereas, the absence of language in certain licensing statutes referring to supervision of unlicensed professionals as to which services are within the scope of licensed practice and which services may be appropriately delegated has raised questions concerning whether the cost of these services can be reimbursed under the MaineCare program; and

Whereas, because denial of reimbursement for services provided by or under the supervision of licensed professionals will result in an acute shortage of these services, placing at risk the well-being of many persons with serious illnesses, it is necessary that the issue be resolved as soon as possible; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

