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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 485, L.D. 743, “An Act to Increase the Availability and Affordability of Health Care by Eliminating Certificate of Need Requirements”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 11. 24-A MRS §4303-F, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2025, c. 34, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

E. A carrier may not require a ground ambulance service provider to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital, between hospitals or from a hospital to a nursing home, hospice care facility or other health care facility, ~~as defined in Title 22, section 328, subsection 8.~~ A carrier may not require an air ambulance service provider that is a nonprofit organization to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital or between hospitals for urgent care. For the purposes of this paragraph, the following terms have the following meanings.

(1) "Ambulatory surgical facility" means a facility, not part of a hospital, that provides surgical treatment to patients not requiring hospitalization. "Ambulatory surgical facility" does not include the offices of private physicians or dentists, whether in individual or group practice.

(2) "Health care facility" means a hospital, psychiatric hospital, nursing facility, kidney disease treatment center including a freestanding hemodialysis facility, rehabilitation facility, ambulatory surgical facility, independent radiological service center, independent cardiac catheterization center or cancer treatment center. "Health care facility" does not include the office of a private health care practitioner, as defined in Title 24, section 2502, subsection 1-A, whether in individual or group practice. In an ambulatory surgical facility that functions also as the office of a health care practitioner, the following portions of the ambulatory surgical facility are considered to be a health care facility:

- (a) Operating rooms;
- (b) Recovery rooms;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
2	Personal Services	(\$150,270)	(\$154,294)
3	All Other	(\$137,558)	(\$137,651)
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5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$287,828)</u>	<u>(\$291,945)</u>
6	Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147		
7	Initiative: Provides funding due to the elimination of the certificate of need process.		
8	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
9	All Other	\$423,796	\$425,886
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$423,796</u>	<u>\$425,886</u>
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13	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
14	All Other	\$676,400	\$674,310
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16	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$676,400</u>	<u>\$674,310</u>
17	Nursing Facilities 0148		
18	Initiative: Provides funding due to the elimination of the certificate of need process.		
19	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
20	All Other	\$4,123,579	\$4,147,671
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22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,123,579</u>	<u>\$4,147,671</u>
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24	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
25	All Other	\$7,795,745	\$7,771,653
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27	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,795,745</u>	<u>\$7,771,653</u>
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29	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
30	All Other	\$760,808	\$760,808
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32	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$760,808</u>	<u>\$760,808</u>
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34	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
35	DEPARTMENT OF		
36	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
37			
38	GENERAL FUND	\$4,547,375	\$4,573,557
39	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$8,472,145	\$8,445,963
40	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$472,980	\$468,863
41			
42	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$13,492,500</u>	<u>\$13,488,383</u>

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section. The amendment also updates a section of the bill to reflect changes made by Public Law 2025, chapter 34.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)