

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

H.P. 619 - L.D. 960

**Resolve, to Allow the Placement of Hospitalized Patients in Nursing Facilities  
in Alternative Locations Under Certain Circumstances**

**Sec. 1. Alternative nursing facility locations. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 67, Nursing Facility Services, to allow for the placement of a MaineCare member, when the member is being discharged from a hospital to a nursing facility placement, in a nursing facility that is greater than 60 miles from the member's residence under the following conditions.

1. For placements that are beyond 60 miles from the member's residence but not more than 100 miles from the member's residence, the hospital must have attempted to find a placement that is within a 60-mile radius of the member's residence and those efforts, including refusals by facilities, must be documented.

2. For placements beyond 60 miles of the member's residence, the member must be provided with information, including written materials and contact information, about the long-term care ombudsman program in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5107-A for use by the member if the member determines, at any point, that a closer placement is desired.

3. For placements beyond 100 miles from the member's residence, the member or member's guardian must consent to the placement.