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# *Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services*

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### *Adult Protective Services*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 35	An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults	PUBLIC 36
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### *Aging and Long-term Care*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 523	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services	RESOLVE 9
	LD 636	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies	PUBLIC 309
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	LD 1474	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities	RESOLVE 121
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 99	An Act to Clarify the Allowable Temperature Range in Certain Long-term Care Facilities	ONTP
	LD 208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	CARRIED OVER
	LD 251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 587	Resolve, to Increase Residential Care and Nursing Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowances Under the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 781	An Act to Protect Nursing Home Residents by Requiring Nursing Homes to Provide Silent Bed Alarms for Residents with Dementia	ONTP
	LD 824	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Reimbursement Rates for Nursing Facilities on Islands	ONTP
	LD 938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1099	An Act to Protect Vulnerable Populations in Residential Facilities from Extended Power Outages	ONTP

LD 1430	Resolve, to Amend the Funding Formula for Reimbursing Nursing Facilities Under the MaineCare Program	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1522	An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program	Died On Adjournment
LD 1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1601	An Act Regarding Visitation Policies for Long-term Care Facilities, Hospice Providers and Hospitals	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1684	An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming	CARRIED OVER
LD 1784	Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care by Rebasing and Increasing Reimbursement Rates	ONTP
LD 1785	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations to Update Laws Governing the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	ONTP
LD 1827	An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality	CARRIED OVER
LD 1972	Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine	ONTP

### **Behavioral Health**

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 190	An Act to Develop a Long-term Plan to Address Mental Health Needs in Rural Maine	ONTP
LD 302	An Act to Ensure Sufficient Rates for Behavioral Health Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	CARRIED OVER
LD 445	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment	CARRIED OVER
LD 448	An Act to Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Families and Children on MaineCare and to Increase the Number of Behavioral Health Professionals in the State	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 472	An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	CARRIED OVER

LD 540	An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine	CARRIED OVER
LD 816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	CARRIED OVER
LD 840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 858	An Act to Require the State to Invest in Federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 872	An Act to Ensure That Adequate State Resources Are Available to Provide In-person Response to Calls Received on the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 907	An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses	CARRIED OVER
LD 908	Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Integrated Co-occurring Behavioral Health Home Model Within the MaineCare Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	CARRIED OVER
LD 1044	An Act Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1187	An Act to Protect Inpatient Psychiatric Services in Northern Maine by Preserving the Current Reimbursement Rate	ONTP
LD 1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	CARRIED OVER
LD 1361	An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care	ONTP
LD 1428	An Act to Ensure Treatment for MaineCare Recipients with Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting the Requirements for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications	Died Between Houses
LD 1469	Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities	ONTP
LD 1513	An Act to Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services	ONTP

### *Brain Injury*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	CARRIED OVER
	LD 821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1617	Resolve, to Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services	ONTP

### *Child Care*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 573	An Act Regarding Child Care Subsidy Payments and Eligibility	ONTP
	LD 820	Resolve, to Provide Support for an Early Intervention and Preschool Child Care Services Program in Kennebec County	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 954	An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality at Child Care Facilities	ONTP
	LD 1031	Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program	ONTP
	LD 1061	An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Family Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services	Died Between Houses
	LD 1287	An Act to Establish an Appeal Process for Child Care Providers	ONTP
	LD 1726	An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1729	An Act to Reduce Child Care Provider Regulation	Died On Adjournment

### *Child Development*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1003	Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	RESOLVE 60
	LD 1106	Resolve, to Improve the Transition to Adult Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder	RESOLVE 80
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	CARRIED OVER

LD 346	An Act to Reimburse Family Caregivers	Died On Adjournment
LD 874	An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine	Majority (ONTP) Report

### *Child Welfare*

**Enacted**

LD 218	An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services	PUBLIC 39
LD 474	An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect	PUBLIC 146
LD 495	An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect	PUBLIC 248
LD 594	Resolve, to Review the Resource Parent Bill of Rights	RESOLVE 62
LD 1229	An Act to Provide Information to Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System and Ensure Funding in the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund	PUBLIC 447
LD 1325	An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports Concerning Child Welfare to the Legislature	PUBLIC 261

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 50	An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being	CARRIED OVER
LD 151	An Act Regarding Child Welfare	ONTP
LD 500	An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	CARRIED OVER
LD 546	An Act Regarding Child Abuse and Endangerment	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 715	An Act to Strengthen Child Protection	ONTP
LD 785	An Act to Create Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services	ONTP
LD 857	An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding	CARRIED OVER
LD 878	An Act to Improve Child Welfare	CARRIED OVER

LD 898	Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Foster Parents by 20 Percent	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1013	An Act to Provide Training, Professional Development and Wellness Supports for Child Protective Services Workers	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 1429	An Act to Establish a Navigator Position in the Department of Health and Human Services for Families and Children Involved in the Foster Care System	ONTP
LD 1712	An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care	CARRIED OVER
LD 1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	CARRIED OVER

### **Children's Behavioral Health**

**Enacted**

LD 82	An Act to Improve Access to Children's Behavioral Health Services	PUBLIC 83
LD 181	Resolve, Requiring Progress Reports from the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding the Implementation of Secure Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services	RESOLVE 78
LD 231	An Act to Support the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program	PUBLIC 339
LD 1003	Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	RESOLVE 60

**Not Enacted**

LD 378	Resolve, to Eliminate the So-called Fail First Requirement for Children's Residential Services for Certain Individuals Whose Needs Are Unable to Be Met with Home and Community-based Services by Expanding Eligibility for Those Individuals	ONTP
LD 435	Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities	CARRIED OVER
LD 448	An Act to Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Families and Children on MaineCare and to Increase the Number of Behavioral Health Professionals in the State	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	CARRIED OVER

LD 1305 Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health CARRIED OVER

LD 1440 Resolve, to Increase the Availability of Community Children's Behavioral Health Services by Providing Training and Career Opportunities for Behavioral Health Professionals ONTP

### *Children's Services*

**Enacted** LD 1092 Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children RESOLVE 112

**Not Enacted** LD 1114 An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities CARRIED OVER

### *Departmental Organization and Administration*

**Enacted** LD 915 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services RESOLVE 98

LD 1925 An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry PUBLIC 241

**Not Enacted** LD 299 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services CARRIED OVER

LD 359 An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

LD 545 An Act to Establish a Cabinet-level Position to Ensure a Continuum of Care to Support Children and Their Families ONTP

LD 625 An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities CARRIED OVER

LD 779 An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services CARRIED OVER

LD 907 An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses CARRIED OVER

LD 1282 An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs Died On Adjournment

LD 1753 An Act to Establish an Independent Adjudicatory Process Regarding the Department of Health and Human Services ONTP

### *Health and Human Services*



LD 1754	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Delivery of Services to Children and Families	ONTP
LD 1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	CARRIED OVER

### **Developmental Disabilities**

**Enacted**

LD 449	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder	PUBLIC 89
LD 1106	Resolve, to Improve the Transition to Adult Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder	RESOLVE 80

**Not Enacted**

LD 464	An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions	ONTP
LD 473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	CARRIED OVER
LD 744	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	CARRIED OVER
LD 1250	An Act Regarding Paying Providers Sufficiently, Maintaining Short Waiting Lists and Creating a Cause of Action for Aggrieved Persons in the System of Care for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	ONTP

### **Disabilities**

**Not Enacted**

LD 300	An Act to Establish Pilot Initiatives to Promote, Grow and Sustain Adult Day Care and Respite Programs in Maine	ONTP
LD 825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1339	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Forming the Maine Commission on Disabilities	ONTP

### *Disposition of Human Remains*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 228	Resolve, to Require That Alcohol Misuse Be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates	RESOLVE 105
	LD 465	An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains	PUBLIC 67
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 536	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil	CARRIED OVER
	LD 584	An Act to Permit the Conduct of Open Air Cremation at Designated Sites	ONTP
	LD 762	An Act to Authorize Burials with Biodegradable Containers, Including Tree Pods	ONTP
	LD 838	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	CARRIED OVER

### *Emergency Medical Services*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 883	An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances	PUBLIC 195
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 601	An Act to Reduce the Shortage of Municipal Emergency Medical Services Personnel by Removing Certain Vaccination Requirements	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1751	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services	CARRIED OVER

### *Fund for a Healthy Maine*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1722	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities	RESOLVE 100
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### *Health Care*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1161	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	CARRIED OVER

## **Health Care Workforce**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1925	An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry	PUBLIC 241
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 176	An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	CARRIED OVER
	LD 520	An Act to Retain Home and Community-based Workers by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement for Certain Essential Support Workers	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 904	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1037	An Act to Fund Competitive Wages for Direct Support Professionals for Persons with Disabilities	ONTP
	LD 1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1521	An Act to Support the Essential Support Workforce by Promoting Enhanced Reimbursement and Benefits and Encouraging Information Sharing	ONTP
	LD 1792	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	CARRIED OVER

## **Health Information and Data**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 956	An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities	PUBLIC 129
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## **Hospice and Palliative Care**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 479	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council	PUBLIC 78
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## **Hospitals**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1104	Resolve, to Review the MaineCare Hospital Readmission Protocol	RESOLVE 77
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<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 176	An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1131	An Act to Support Continuity in Perinatal and Emergency Care by Requiring Notice of a Voluntary Hospital or Facility Closure or Reduction in Services	ONTP
	LD 1321	An Act to Address Income Disparity in Health Care by Limiting the Compensation of Hospital Executives	ONTP
	LD 1485	An Act to Provide Funding for Hospital Security in Aroostook County	ONTP
	LD 1601	An Act Regarding Visitation Policies for Long-term Care Facilities, Hospice Providers and Hospitals	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1955	An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2009	An Act to Prevent Abandonment of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Hospitals	CARRIED OVER

### **Immunizations**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 59	An Act to Prohibit Inclusion of the COVID-19 Vaccine in the Universal Childhood Immunization Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 172	An Act to Allow Health Care Workers to Return to Work by Reinstating Exemptions from Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 601	An Act to Reduce the Shortage of Municipal Emergency Medical Services Personnel by Removing Certain Vaccination Requirements	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1547	An Act to Temporarily Prohibit the State from Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1598	An Act to Allow an Exception to Immunization Requirements for Health Care Workers for Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization	Majority (ONTP) Report

### **Lead**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 11	An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards	PUBLIC 82
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LD 490	An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry	PUBLIC 147
LD 1481	An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act	PUBLIC 270

### *Licensing*

**Enacted**

LD 146	An Act to Clarify Assessment of Penalties for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans	PUBLIC 113
LD 234	An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations	PUBLIC 7
LD 451	An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies	PUBLIC 434
LD 475	An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities	PUBLIC 176
LD 636	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies	PUBLIC 309
LD 1417	Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine's Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services	RESOLVE 57

### *Maternal/Infant*

**Enacted**

LD 603	An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement	PUBLIC 216
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**Not Enacted**

LD 198	An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 312	An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1993	An Act to Expand Home Visiting Services and Provide for Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program for Perinatal Doula Services and Midwifery Services	ONTP

### *Medicaid/MaineCare*

**Enacted**

LD 84	An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program	PUBLIC 162
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**Not  
Enacted**

LD 282	An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders	PUBLIC 31
LD 432	An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers	PUBLIC 432
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LD 1040	An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members	PUBLIC 288
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LD 1204	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Persons	PUBLIC 458
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LD 1768	An Act to Clarify the MaineCare Rate Determination Requirements	PUBLIC 238
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LD 200	An Act to Require Medicaid Coverage for Certain Children Under 7 Years of Age	ONTP
LD 225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
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LD 333	An Act to Protect the Homes of Individuals Placed in Long-term Care by Excluding the Individuals' Primary Residences in Eligibility Considerations	ONTP
LD 346	An Act to Reimburse Family Caregivers	Died On Adjournment
LD 378	Resolve, to Eliminate the So-called Fail First Requirement for Children's Residential Services for Certain Individuals Whose Needs Are Unable to Be Met with Home and Community-based Services by Expanding Eligibility for Those Individuals	ONTP
LD 389	An Act to Improve Rural Transportation and Access to Mental Health Care and Physical Health Care	ONTP
LD 463	Resolve, to Ensure Continued MaineCare Coverage for Persons Formerly in Foster Care Until They Attain 27 Years of Age	ONTP
LD 464	An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions	ONTP
LD 473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1194	An Act to Implement Work Requirements Under the MaineCare Program	ONTP
LD 1224	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 1226	An Act to Require MaineCare to Give a 60-day Notice Prior to Terminating Benefits	ONTP
LD 1254	An Act to Provide Coverage and Prior Authorization of Medications and Services During a MaineCare Provider's Enrollment Period	ONTP
LD 1269	An Act to Empower Patients and Eliminate Welfare Cliffs in the MaineCare Program by Establishing a MaineCare Savings Account Pilot Program	ONTP
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LD 1440	Resolve, to Increase the Availability of Community Children's Behavioral Health Services by Providing Training and Career Opportunities for Behavioral Health Professionals	ONTP
LD 1469	Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities	ONTP
LD 1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1617	Resolve, to Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services	ONTP
LD 1751	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 1784	Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care by Rebasing and Increasing Reimbursement Rates	ONTP
LD 1827	An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality	CARRIED OVER
LD 1858	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	CARRIED OVER
LD 1941	Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate	ONTP
LD 1972	Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine	ONTP
LD 1993	An Act to Expand Home Visiting Services and Provide for Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program for Perinatal Doula Services and Midwifery Services	ONTP

### *Miscellaneous*

**Enacted**

LD 430	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings	RESOLVE 106
LD 775	An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment	PUBLIC 164
LD 859	Resolve, to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center	RESOLVE 75
LD 1083	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council	PUBLIC 93

**Not Enacted**

LD 505	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes	CARRIED OVER
LD 1317	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health	ONTP

### *Oral Health/Dental Care*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1837	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1941	Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate	ONTP

### *PFAS*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1248	An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water	PUBLIC 330
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 73	An Act to Require Bottled Water Companies to Monitor for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	ONTP
	LD 75	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1006	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1488	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	CARRIED OVER

### *Poverty and Homelessness*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1781	Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services	RESOLVE 123
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 599	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	CARRIED OVER
	LD 658	An Act to Increase Funding for and Stabilize the Independent Housing with Services Program Under the Department of Health and Human Services	ONTP

### *Prescription Drugs*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 223	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1428	An Act to Ensure Treatment for MaineCare Recipients with Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting the Requirements for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications	Died Between Houses
	LD 1522	An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program	Died On Adjournment

## *Public Assistance*

**Enacted**

LD 5	An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents	PUBLIC 21
LD 80	An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	PUBLIC 29
LD 81	An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program	PUBLIC 133
LD 945	An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Changing the Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	PUBLIC 366

**Not Enacted**

LD 117	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 182	An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	ONTP
LD 183	An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs	ONTP
LD 268	An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for General Assistance Programs	ONTP
LD 364	An Act to Prohibit the Use of General Assistance as a Replacement for Available Resources	ONTP
LD 454	An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance	ONTP
LD 498	An Act to Prohibit the Use of the Electronic Benefits Transfer System Outside of Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire to Obtain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 778	An Act Regarding Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents Under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 784	An Act to Establish Welfare Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1448	An Act to Change the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Requirements by Reducing Benefits Commensurate with a Recipient's Salary, Reducing the Special Housing Allowance and Limiting Eligibility for two-parent Families	ONTP

LD 1584	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government	CARRIED OVER
LD 1664	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1666	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives	CARRIED OVER
LD 1877	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families	CARRIED OVER
LD 1995	An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	CARRIED OVER

### **Public Health**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 510	An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers	PUBLIC 46
	LD 1092	Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	RESOLVE 112
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 358	An Act to Ensure That Restrooms Are Available for Use During Business Hours at Certain Drive-through Restaurants	ONTP
	LD 469	An Act to Provide Funding for a Diabetes Education Program	ONTP
	LD 566	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	CARRIED OVER
	LD 906	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1091	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Its Rules Regarding Campgrounds in Order to Ensure Campground Health and Safety	ONTP
	LD 1382	An Act to Establish the Guiding Public Health Principles of Focused Protection for Pandemics of a Highly Infectious Respiratory Disease	ONTP

LD 1801	Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission	Died On Adjournment
LD 1857	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program	CARRIED OVER

### *Reproductive Healthcare*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1478 An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	CARRIED OVER
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### *Substance Use Disorder*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 81 An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program	PUBLIC 133
	LD 162 Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Hotline	RESOLVE 69
	LD 597 An Act to Improve Conditions for People Living in Recovery Residences by Requiring Approved Discharge and Transfer Policies	PUBLIC 249
	LD 600 An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride	PUBLIC 71
	LD 979 Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites	RESOLVE 111
	LD 1439 An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment	PUBLIC 463
	LD 1728 An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication	PUBLIC 161
	LD 1745 An Act to Support Public Health by Clarifying Authorized Activities Regarding Drug Checking	PUBLIC 303
	LD 1781 Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services	RESOLVE 123
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 291 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State	Died On Adjournment
	LD 353 An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	CARRIED OVER

LD 539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	CARRIED OVER
LD 813	Resolve, to Study Methods to Increase Access to Medication-assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder	ONTP
LD 908	Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Integrated Co-occurring Behavioral Health Home Model Within the MaineCare Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 973	An Act to Create the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program	ONTP
LD 1044	An Act Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1078	An Act to Increase the Number of Recovery Beds in the State	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1094	An Act Regarding the Allocation of Funds Awarded to Maine Due to the Opioid Settlement	ONTP
LD 1159	An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers	Died On Adjournment
LD 1188	An Act to Establish a Public Health Response to Substance Use	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1211	An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable	ONTP
LD 1377	An Act to Provide Rental Assistance for Recovery Housing	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1719	An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers	Died On Adjournment
LD 1975	An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs	CARRIED OVER

### *Telemedicine*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 757	Resolve, to Review Telemonitoring and Certain Telehealth Services Reimbursed under MaineCare	RESOLVE 84
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 361	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1059	Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare	ONTP

### *Tobacco Sale and Use*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1174	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	ONTP
	LD 1215	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1558	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1923	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars	CARRIED OVER

### *Waitlists*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 464	An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions	ONTP
	LD 1250	An Act Regarding Paying Providers Sufficiently, Maintaining Short Waiting Lists and Creating a Cause of Action for Aggrieved Persons in the System of Care for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	ONTP

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HHS	5	An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		3/8/23	Enacted	PL	21		S1
HHS	11	An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards	Reported Out	OTP		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	82		S1
HHS	35	An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults	Reported Out	OTP		4/5/23	Enacted	PL	36		S1
HHS	50	An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	59	An Act to Prohibit Inclusion of the COVID-19 Vaccine in the Universal Childhood Immunization Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	73	An Act to Require Bottled Water Companies to Monitor for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Reported Out	ONTP		5/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	75	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	80	An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	Reported Out	OTP		3/23/23	Enacted	PL	29		S1
HHS	81	An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	133		S1
HHS	82	An Act to Improve Access to Children's Behavioral Health Services	Reported Out	OTP		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	83		S1
HHS	84	An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	162		S1



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HHS	99	An Act to Clarify the Allowable Temperature Range in Certain Long-term Care Facilities	Reported Out	ONTP		2/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	117	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	146	An Act to Clarify Assessment of Penalties for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/11/23	Enacted	PL	113		S1
HHS	151	An Act Regarding Child Welfare	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	162	Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Hotline	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	69		S1
HHS	172	An Act to Allow Health Care Workers to Return to Work by Reinstating Exemptions from Immunization Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	176	An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center	Reported Out	LTW		2/14/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	181	Resolve, Requiring Progress Reports from the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding the Implementation of Secure Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	78		S1

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HHS	182	An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	183	An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	190	An Act to Develop a Long-term Plan to Address Mental Health Needs in Rural Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	198	An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services	Reported Out	LTW		4/13/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	199	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/5/23	Died Between Houses				S1
HHS	200	An Act to Require Medicaid Coverage for Certain Children Under 7 Years of Age	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
HHS	218	An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services	Reported Out	OTP		4/5/23	Enacted	PL	39		S1
HHS	223	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/26/23					S1

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HHS	225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/9/23					S1
HHS	228	Resolve, to Require That Alcohol Misuse Be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	105		S1
HHS	231	An Act to Support the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	339		S1
HHS	234	An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations	Reported Out	OTP		2/22/23	Enacted	PL	7		R1
HHS	251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	268	An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for General Assistance Programs	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	282	An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders	Reported Out	OTP		3/23/23	Enacted	PL	31		S1
HHS	291	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/30/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HHS	299	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	300	An Act to Establish Pilot Initiatives to Promote, Grow and Sustain Adult Day Care and Respite Programs in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	302	An Act to Ensure Sufficient Rates for Behavioral Health Services	Reported Out	LTW		4/19/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	312	An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services	Reported Out	LTW		2/8/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
HHS	328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HHS	333	An Act to Protect the Homes of Individuals Placed in Long-term Care by Excluding the Individuals' Primary Residences in Eligibility Considerations	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	346	An Act to Reimburse Family Caregivers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/16/23	Died On Adjournment		✓	S1
HHS	353	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HHS	358	An Act to Ensure That Restrooms Are Available for Use During Business Hours at Certain Drive-through Restaurants	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	359	An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times	Reported Out	LTW		3/22/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
HHS	361	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23				S1

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HHS	364	An Act to Prohibit the Use of General Assistance as a Replacement for Available Resources	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	378	Resolve, to Eliminate the So-called Fail First Requirement for Children's Residential Services for Certain Individuals Whose Needs Are Unable to Be Met with Home and Community-based Services by Expanding Eligibility for Those Individuals	Reported Out	ONTP		4/19/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	389	An Act to Improve Rural Transportation and Access to Mental Health Care and Physical Health Care	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	430	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/11/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	106		S1
HHS	432	An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers	Reported Out	OTP		3/22/23	Enacted	PL	432		S1
HHS	435	Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	445	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/12/23					S1
HHS	446	Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility	Reported Out	OTP		5/22/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	34		S1
HHS	448	An Act to Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Families and Children on MaineCare and to Increase the Number of Behavioral Health Professionals in the State	Reported Out	LTW		4/26/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	449	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder	Reported Out	OTP		4/26/23	Enacted	PL	89		S1
HHS	451	An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	434		S1
HHS	454	An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	463	Resolve, to Ensure Continued MaineCare Coverage for Persons Formerly in Foster Care Until They Attain 27 Years of Age	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	464	An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	465	An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains	Reported Out	OTP		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	67		S1
HHS	469	An Act to Provide Funding for a Diabetes Education Program	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	472	An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1

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HHS	473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
HHS	474	An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect	Reported Out	OTP		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	146		S1
HHS	475	An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Enacted	PL	176		S1
HHS	479	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/25/23	Enacted	PL	78		S1
HHS	490	An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry	Reported Out	OTP		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	147		S1
HHS	495	An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	248		S1
HHS	498	An Act to Prohibit the Use of the Electronic Benefits Transfer System Outside of Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire to Obtain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	500	An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	505	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/12/23					S1
HHS	507	An Act to Improve Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Reducing Barriers to Maintaining Health Care Coverage	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/27/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	510	An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers	Reported Out	OTP		4/12/23	Enacted	PL	46		S1

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HHS	520	An Act to Retain Home and Community-based Workers by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement for Certain Essential Support Workers	Reported Out	LTW		3/9/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	523	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services	Reported Out	OTP		4/4/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	9		S1
HHS	536	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/12/23					S1
HHS	539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/15/23					S1
HHS	540	An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/15/23					S1
HHS	545	An Act to Establish a Cabinet-level Position to Ensure a Continuum of Care to Support Children and Their Families	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	546	An Act Regarding Child Abuse and Endangerment	Reported Out	LTW		5/5/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	566	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/27/23					S1



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HHS	573	An Act Regarding Child Care Subsidy Payments and Eligibility	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	584	An Act to Permit the Conduct of Open Air Cremation at Designated Sites	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	587	Resolve, to Increase Residential Care and Nursing Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowances Under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/23/23					S1
HHS	592	An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	454		S1
HHS	594	Resolve, to Review the Resource Parent Bill of Rights	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	62		S1
HHS	597	An Act to Improve Conditions for People Living in Recovery Residences by Requiring Approved Discharge and Transfer Policies	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	249		S1
HHS	599	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1
HHS	600	An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride	Reported Out	OTP		4/19/23	Enacted	PL	71		S1
HHS	601	An Act to Reduce the Shortage of Municipal Emergency Medical Services Personnel by Removing Certain Vaccination Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/7/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HHS	603	An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	216		S1
HHS	619	An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	625	An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HHS	636	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	309		S1
HHS	658	An Act to Increase Funding for and Stabilize the Independent Housing with Services Program Under the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/23				✓	S1
HHS	709	Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Persons	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	108		S1
HHS	715	An Act to Strengthen Child Protection	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	744	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	757	Resolve, to Review Telemonitoring and Certain Telehealth Services Reimbursed under MaineCare	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	84		S1
HHS	762	An Act to Authorize Burials with Biodegradable Containers, Including Tree Pods	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	775	An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	164		S1

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HHS	778	An Act Regarding Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents Under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	779	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	781	An Act to Protect Nursing Home Residents by Requiring Nursing Homes to Provide Silent Bed Alarms for Residents with Dementia	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	784	An Act to Establish Welfare Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	785	An Act to Create Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	813	Resolve, to Study Methods to Increase Access to Medication-assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/27/23					S1
HHS	820	Resolve, to Provide Support for an Early Intervention and Preschool Child Care Services Program in Kennebec County	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/25/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HHS	824	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Reimbursement Rates for Nursing Facilities on Islands	Reported Out	ONTP		4/19/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	838	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
HHS	857	An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	858	An Act to Require the State to Invest in Federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	Reported Out	LTW		4/28/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	859	Resolve, to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	75		S1
HHS	872	An Act to Ensure That Adequate State Resources Are Available to Provide In-person Response to Calls Received on the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline	Reported Out	LTW		4/28/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	874	An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/16/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	878	An Act to Improve Child Welfare	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HHS	883	An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	195		S1
HHS	898	Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Foster Parents by 20 Percent	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/25/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	902	An Act to Repeal So-called MaineCare Expansion	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	904	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
HHS	906	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	907	An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
HHS	908	Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Integrated Co-occurring Behavioral Health Home Model Within the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	915	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	98		S1
HHS	938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/19/23					S1
HHS	945	An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Changing the Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	366		S1

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HHS	954	An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality at Child Care Facilities	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	956	An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	129		S1
HHS	973	An Act to Create the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	976	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of- hearing Patients	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	97		S1
HHS	979	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	111		S1
HHS	982	An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Enacted	PL	110		S1
HHS	997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
HHS	1003	Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	60		S1
HHS	1006	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1
HHS	1013	An Act to Provide Training, Professional Development and Wellness Supports for Child Protective Services Workers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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HHS	1031	Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1037	An Act to Fund Competitive Wages for Direct Support Professionals for Persons with Disabilities	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1040	An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	288		S1
HHS	1044	An Act Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls	Reported Out	LTW		4/28/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1059	Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1061	An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Family Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Died Between Houses				S1
HHS	1078	An Act to Increase the Number of Recovery Beds in the State	Reported Out	LTW		5/3/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1083	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP		5/1/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	93		S1

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HHS	1091	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Its Rules Regarding Campgrounds in Order to Ensure Campground Health and Safety	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1092	Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	112		S1
HHS	1094	An Act Regarding the Allocation of Funds Awarded to Maine Due to the Opioid Settlement	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1099	An Act to Protect Vulnerable Populations in Residential Facilities from Extended Power Outages	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1104	Resolve, to Review the MaineCare Hospital Readmission Protocol	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	77		S1
HHS	1106	Resolve, to Improve the Transition to Adult Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	80		S1
HHS	1114	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1130	An Act to Reduce the Burden of Asset Recovery on Family Caregivers	Reported Out	LTW		3/23/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1



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HHS	1131	An Act to Support Continuity in Perinatal and Emergency Care by Requiring Notice of a Voluntary Hospital or Facility Closure or Reduction in Services	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1159	An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HHS	1161	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
HHS	1174	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1178	Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/15/23					S1
HHS	1187	An Act to Protect Inpatient Psychiatric Services in Northern Maine by Preserving the Current Reimbursement Rate	Reported Out	ONTP		5/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1188	An Act to Establish a Public Health Response to Substance Use	Reported Out	LTW		4/5/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1194	An Act to Implement Work Requirements Under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1204	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Persons	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	458		S1
HHS	1211	An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1215	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried on floor	6/21/23					S1
HHS	1224	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1226	An Act to Require MaineCare to Give a 60-day Notice Prior to Terminating Benefits	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1229	An Act to Provide Information to Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System and Ensure Funding in the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	447		S1
HHS	1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
HHS	1238	An Act to Require Reporting on the Percentage of Approved Care Being Delivered to Individuals	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1248	An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	330		S1

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HHS	1250	An Act Regarding Paying Providers Sufficiently, Maintaining Short Waiting Lists and Creating a Cause of Action for Aggrieved Persons in the System of Care for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1254	An Act to Provide Coverage and Prior Authorization of Medications and Services During a MaineCare Provider's Enrollment Period	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1269	An Act to Empower Patients and Eliminate Welfare Cliffs in the MaineCare Program by Establishing a MaineCare Savings Account Pilot Program	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1282	An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HHS	1287	An Act to Establish an Appeal Process for Child Care Providers	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1305	Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
HHS	1317	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1321	An Act to Address Income Disparity in Health Care by Limiting the Compensation of Hospital Executives	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1325	An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports Concerning Child Welfare to the Legislature	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	261		S1
HHS	1334	An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1339	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Forming the Maine Commission on Disabilities	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM	Carried on floor	6/12/23					S1
HHS	1361	An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1377	An Act to Provide Rental Assistance for Recovery Housing	Reported Out	LTW		4/13/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1382	An Act to Establish the Guiding Public Health Principles of Focused Protection for Pandemics of a Highly Infectious Respiratory Disease	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1406	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/16/23	Died On Adjournment				S1

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HHS	1417	Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine's Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	57		S1
HHS	1426	An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1428	An Act to Ensure Treatment for MaineCare Recipients with Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting the Requirements for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/7/23	Died Between Houses				S1
HHS	1429	An Act to Establish a Navigator Position in the Department of Health and Human Services for Families and Children Involved in the Foster Care System	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1430	Resolve, to Amend the Funding Formula for Reimbursing Nursing Facilities Under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	LTW		4/26/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1439	An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	463		S1
HHS	1440	Resolve, to Increase the Availability of Community Children's Behavioral Health Services by Providing Training and Career Opportunities for Behavioral Health Professionals	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1448	An Act to Change the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Requirements by Reducing Benefits Commensurate with a Recipient's Salary, Reducing the Special Housing Allowance and Limiting Eligibility for 2-parent Families	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1469	Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1474	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	121		S1
HHS	1478	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/22/23					S1
HHS	1481	An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	270		S1
HHS	1485	An Act to Provide Funding for Hospital Security in Aroostook County	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1488	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/16/23					S1
HHS	1513	An Act to Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1521	An Act to Support the Essential Support Workforce by Promoting Enhanced Reimbursement and Benefits and Encouraging Information Sharing	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1522	An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1

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HHS	1547	An Act to Temporarily Prohibit the State from Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1558	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
HHS	1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1584	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
HHS	1598	An Act to Allow an Exception to Immunization Requirements for Health Care Workers for Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1601	An Act Regarding Visitation Policies for Long-term Care Facilities, Hospice Providers and Hospitals	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1617	Resolve, to Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1664	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/7/23					S1
HHS	1666	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
HHS	1675	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HHS	1684	An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Carried On Approps Table	5/22/23				S1
HHS	1712	An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23				S1
HHS	1719	An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers	Reported Out	OTP-AM			6/7/23	Died On Adjournment		✓	S1
HHS	1722	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities	Reported Out	OTP-AM			6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	100	S1
HHS	1726	An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM			6/12/23	Died On Adjournment		✓	S1
HHS	1728	An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication	Reported Out	OTP			5/18/23	Enacted	PL	161	S1
HHS	1729	An Act to Reduce Child Care Provider Regulation	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM			6/9/23	Died On Adjournment			S1
HHS	1732	An Act to Expand the General Assistance Program	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HHS	1745	An Act to Support Public Health by Clarifying Authorized Activities Regarding Drug Checking	Reported Out	OTP-AM			6/16/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	303	S1
HHS	1751	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HHS	1753	An Act to Establish an Independent Adjudicatory Process Regarding the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	ONTP			5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	1754	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Delivery of Services to Children and Families	Reported Out	ONTP			6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1



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HHS	1768	An Act to Clarify the MaineCare Rate Determination Requirements	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	238		S1
HHS	1781	Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	123		S1
HHS	1784	Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care by Rebasing and Increasing Reimbursement Rates	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1785	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations to Update Laws Governing the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1792	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
HHS	1801	Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HHS	1827	An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1837	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
HHS	1857	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/14/23					S1

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HHS	1858	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/23					S1
HHS	1877	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1923	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1925	An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	241		S1
HHS	1941	Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1955	An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1972	Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1975	An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1993	An Act to Expand Home Visiting Services and Provide for Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program for Perinatal Doula Services and Midwifery Services	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1995	An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HHS	2009	An Act to Prevent Abandonment of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Hospitals	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1

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### **LD 5 An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 21 increases the maximum income threshold for eligibility in the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program from 185% to 225% of the nonfarm income official poverty line.

### **LD 11 An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 82 establishes the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services to order and enforce actions to temporarily protect children and families living in any residential dwelling unit from identified lead hazards until they are relocated to lead-safe housing or lead hazards are abated.

### **LD 35 An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 36 requires professionals mandated to make reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of incapacitated and dependent adults pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act to complete training on mandated reporter responsibilities once every four years.

### **LD 80 An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 29 amends the provisions of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or "TANF," program that relate to income disregards for the purposes of calculating a recipient's benefits. Previously, the law provided that 100% of all earned income for the first three months of employment and 75% of all earned income for the fourth to sixth months of employment must be disregarded from recipients' monthly earnings. Public Law 2023, chapter 29 clarifies that this employment must have begun while participating in the TANF program. It also provides that 100% of the first three months of increased earned income received while participating in TANF and 75% of the fourth to sixth months of increased earned income received while participating in TANF are subject to these disregard provisions.

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### **LD 81 An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 133 requires a municipality to issue a general assistance housing assistance payment to the operator of a certified recovery residence upon request by an eligible person rather than to a landlord, including a property owner.

Public Law 2023, chapter 133 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2023.

### **LD 82 An Act to Improve Access to Children’s Behavioral Health Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 83 removes the requirement that service providers contracted by the Department of Health and Human Services charge fees for services for children with mental health needs, intellectual disabilities or autism and their families.

### **LD 84 An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 162 adds third-party liability requirement provisions for MaineCare claims for payment and adds a provision to apply MaineCare assignment provisions to out-of-state carriers who provide coverage to residents of this State. It also provides that payments made under assignment to the MaineCare program by a third party are final after two years.

### **LD 146 An Act to Clarify Assessment of Fines for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 113 changes the penalty for electrologists, tattoo artists, micropigmentation practitioners and body piercers found to be in violation of licensing and sterilization, sanitation or safety standards laws and rules from a civil violation to an administrative fine. It provides that each day a violation remains uncorrected may be counted as a separate offense and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a schedule of administrative penalties according to the nature and duration of the violation. It also adds the requirement that a professional engineer licensed in this State sign and seal plans for public pool and spa construction prior to submittal to the department. These plans must include a signed

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statement from the engineer that the plans and specifications meet the minimum standard published by the American National Standards Institute and the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals or a successor organization, as designated by rule.

### **LD 162 Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Hotline**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 69 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to implement a hotline through the Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community to assist and provide guidance to primary care physicians and other providers in providing care to patients with substance use disorder. The department is required to consult with stakeholders, including members of the Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine currently partnering with the department to operate the Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community, and to study existing models in other states. The department is required to submit a report and plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2024. The plan must include funding requirements, services that would be provided, hours of operation, response times and any other relevant information to implement a hotline.

### **LD 181 Resolve, Requiring Progress Reports from the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding the Implementation of Secure Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 78 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit two reports to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding efforts to implement secure children's psychiatric residential treatment facilities. The first report, to be submitted by January 2, 2024, relates to department progress in establishing increased rates and amending department rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 107. The second report, to be submitted by July 1, 2024, relates to progress in implementing secure children's psychiatric residential treatment facility services and must include information about the provider, location of the facility, number of beds and estimated or actual date of opening. If no provider has been secured, the report must include the next steps for attracting a willing provider.

### **LD 218 An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 39 makes the following changes to the law regarding background checks for the Office of Child and Family Services.

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1. It clarifies that a person may request a background screening of an individual who is or may be engaged in activities or employment relating to children or adults with intellectual disabilities, autism or related conditions regardless of whether the individual subject to the background screening is an employee.
2. It replaces the term "group home" with "transitional living program" in order to clarify that staff members of these providers are subject to the fingerprint-based background check requirements.

### **LD 228 Resolve, to Require that Alcohol Misuse be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 105 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the medical certification of the cause of death completed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2842 to include a check box to document whether alcohol misuse contributed to the death of a person. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop an information campaign and training regarding the completion of medical certifications of the cause of death by eligible providers and to seek approval for continuing medical education credits for such training.

### **LD 231 An Act to Support the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 339 establishes in statute the statewide child psychiatry telehealth consultation service under the Department of Health and Human Services. This program is currently known as the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program and was funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration in 2018. The service supports primary care physicians who are treating children and adolescent patients and need assistance with diagnosis, care coordination and medication management or other necessary behavioral health questions to serve their patients. The department is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the program's funding sources and financial sustainability no later than January 31, 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 339 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 28, 2023.

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### **LD 234 An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 7 doubles, from 12 to 24, the number of public events and meals within one calendar year nonprofit organizations may have that are exempt from Department of Health and Human Services rules and regulations relating to dispensing foods and nonalcoholic beverages.

### **LD 282 An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 31 allows the Department of Health and Human Services to authorize standing orders for the dispensing of vaccines and nonprescription drugs to MaineCare members, participants in the state-funded medical program for noncitizens, enrollees in the elderly low-cost drug program, certain qualified residents and persons receiving Cub Care to support access to preventive care and medically necessary services.

### **LD 430 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 106 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's office of population health equity to partner with hospitals and health care provider associations to gather information regarding translation and interpretation services available in health care settings across the State. It requires the department to create and deliver a public information campaign designed to promote the availability of these services, with particular focus on individuals who use a primary language other than English, including deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. It requires the department to report on its progress to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2024.



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### **LD 432 An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 432 clarifies the MaineCare program requirements with regard to certain high-risk providers. It also requires a person with a certain level of ownership interest in a high-risk provider to submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history record background check.

### **LD 446 Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 34 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its MaineCare rules to increase the amount of a prepaid burial contract, also known as a mortuary trust, unavailable for use as an asset in determining eligibility for MaineCare from \$12,000 to \$18,000 and increase that amount yearly by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding year.

### **LD 449 An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 89 requires a licensing scheme for certain firms, associations, corporations or nonprofit organizations, including residential care facilities, that provide services to an adult with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury and specifies that residential care facilities are not required to use the standard contract for those services. It replaces the definition of "autism" with a definition of "autism spectrum disorder" or "autism." It clarifies that the State's share of MaineCare reimbursements is a factor in determining whether or not certain residential care facilities must obtain a license. It also expands the services and programs that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services is authorized to provide and help finance.

### **LD 451 An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 434 makes the following changes to the law related to temporary nurse agencies.

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1. It requires temporary nurse agencies to renew registration annually and to update the registration if a temporary nurse agency changes ownership, operation or location.
2. It makes changes to the definition of "temporary nurse agency," including that home health care services providers are not included in the definition.
3. It increases the cost of registration for a temporary nurse agency from \$25 to \$1,000.
4. It repeals the exception to the registration requirement for home health care services providers and temporary nurses not affiliated with an agency.
5. It requires that temporary nurse agencies ensure that each employee it refers to a provider for a position meets the state and federal qualification requirements for that position, and maintains records to that effect.
6. It prohibits agencies from requiring employees to recruit other employees.
7. It requires temporary nurse agencies to submit an annual report to the Department of Health and Human Services, which is then required to submit a summary report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.
8. It allows the Department of Health and Human Services to impose a fine for failure of a temporary nurse agency to provide required documentation or to submit annual reports.
9. It makes violation of the requirements relating to temporary nurse agencies a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

### **LD 465 An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 67 authorizes a funeral director or authorized person present at a burial or crematory in this State to electronically affirm the disposition of human remains.

### **LD 474 An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 146 requires that a member of the staff of a public or private medical institution, agency or facility or person in charge of the institution, agency or facility or the designated agent who made a mandated report disclose the same information the member or person reported to the Department of Health and Human Services to a law enforcement officer upon

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request of the law enforcement officer. It also provides immunity for a person who made a report of suspected abuse or neglect who is participating in good faith in a law enforcement investigation or criminal justice proceeding relating to suspected abuse or neglect.

### **LD 475 An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 176 replaces the term "assisted housing program" with the term "assisted housing facility" and replaces the term "assisted living program" with the term "assisted living facility." It amends the definition of "assisted housing services" to include medication management and nursing services and removes those services from the definition of "assisted living services." It amends the definition of "residential care facility" to clarify which licensed entities are excluded from the definition.

The law provides that the term of the license for an assisted housing facility is two years and clarifies the manner in which independent housing with services programs are funded. The law also provides that an applicant for an assisted living facility or residential care facility license may not receive more than one license at the same license level for services offered in the same location maintained wholly or in part for the purpose of providing assisted living services or residential care services. It provides that an assisted living facility or residential care facility that, beginning on October 1, 2023, holds more than one license at the same license level for services offered in the same location maintained wholly or in part for the purpose of providing services is exempt from this prohibition. The department may continue to issue such applicants more than one license at the same license level if all other licensure requirements are met.

### **LD 479 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 78 amends the law governing the membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council to add a member who is receiving palliative care or is the primary caregiver of a person receiving palliative care.

### **LD 490 An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 147 replaces the Department of Environmental Protection with the Department of Health and Human Services as the agency responsible for implementing the registry of leased lead-safe residential dwellings.

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### **LD 495 An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 248 makes the following changes to the provisions of law regarding investigations into out-of-home child abuse or neglect laws.

1. It reallocates the law from the laws administered by the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services within the Department of Health and Human Services to the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act.
2. It clarifies the authority of the investigation team to investigate an individual licensed by the Department of Education.
3. It authorizes the investigation team to investigate abuse and neglect that occurs in a transitional living program.
4. It repeals the provisions of law prescribing required training for the investigation team.
5. It removes certain requirements for identification and disclosure of information related to a residential home facility.
6. It makes other clarifying and technical changes.

### **LD 510 An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 46 permits a municipality to hire associate health officers, as defined, to assist the local health officer during an actual or threatened epidemic or other public health threat. An associate health officer must have appropriate education, training or experience, is not required to meet the qualifications of a local health officer and must work under the direct supervision of the local health officer.

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### **LD 523 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 9 authorizes the final adoption of Chapter 5, Section 63 and Chapter 11 rules. It repeals both rules on September 30, 2023 and replaces them with a single new Section 63 rule that goes into effect on October 1, 2023.

Resolve 2023, chapter 9 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2023.

### **LD 592 An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 454 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a state plan amendment to allow for Medicaid reimbursement for physical therapy services provided by a chiropractor, within the chiropractor's scope of service, that are otherwise covered if provided by a licensed physical therapist. The department must apply for the state plan amendment by July 2024. If the state plan amendment is not approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, chiropractic doctors may not be reimbursed by the MaineCare program for any additional chiropractic services not currently eligible for reimbursement.

### **LD 594 Resolve, to Review the Resource Parent Bill of Rights**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 62 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to examine the Resource Parent Bill of Rights to ensure that it adequately provides sufficient resources, supports, services and resource family involvement and communication. The department must submit a report, with findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2024.

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### **LD 597 An Act to Improve Conditions for People Living in Recovery Residences by Requiring Approved Discharge and Transfer Policies**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 249 requires certified recovery residences have a written discharge and transfer policy that is approved by a credentialing entity recognized by the Department of Health and Human Services. It provides that notwithstanding any landlord and tenant rights and obligations under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, chapter 709, a recovery residence with an approved discharge and transfer policy may immediately discharge or transfer a resident in accordance with the policy if the discharge or transfer is necessary for the resident's welfare, the resident's needs cannot be met at the recovery residence or the health and safety of other residents or recovery residence employees are at risk or would be at risk if the resident continues to live at the recovery residence. A person who refuses to leave a recovery residence after a discharge or transfer may be ordered to leave the premises by the recovery residence owner or operator or by a law enforcement officer.

### **LD 600 An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 71 allows an overdose prevention program, with the express consent of a municipality, to provide and maintain naloxone hydrochloride in a visible and publicly accessible wall-mounted box or other container in municipal places to be used by a member of the public in response to an opioid-related drug overdose. It also provides immunity from criminal and civil liability to municipalities and overdose prevention programs for providing or maintaining the naloxone hydrochloride containers.

### **LD 603 An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 216 requires the MaineCare program to reimburse for electric breast pumps and supplies without prior authorization or limitation when recommended or prescribed by a health care professional acting within their scope of practice. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to adopt rules implementing the requirement no later than January 1, 2024.

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### **LD 636 An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 309 replaces the registration process with a licensing process for personal care agencies. It adds personal care agencies to the provisions of law governing receivership and other laws. It requires immediate supervisors of certified nursing assistants and direct care workers who are ineligible for employment to be listed on the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers. It removes registration requirements for placement agencies.

### **LD 709 Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Adults**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 108 requires the Maine State Housing Authority to develop and administer, through a request for proposals, a home share pilot program primarily aimed at assisting older persons by matching older persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing. It requires the Maine State Housing Authority to submit a report, no later than January 1, 2025, regarding the program to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and labor and housing matters.

### **LD 757 Resolve, to Review Telemonitoring and Certain Telehealth Services Reimbursed under MaineCare**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 84 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review its MaineCare reimbursement of telemonitoring services and of ultrasound procedures and fetal nonstress tests performed remotely in a residence or other off-site location through telehealth. The department is required to submit its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 10, 2024. The committee may report out legislation related to the department's report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

### **LD 775 An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 164 imposes labeling requirements on the installation and servicing of water treatment equipment installed on or after July 1, 2024. It limits the definition of "water treatment equipment" to include only equipment located in a private residence. It also provides that a water treatment company that fails to comply with the provisions of the bill commits an

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unfair and deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

### **LD 859 Resolve, to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 75 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish a stakeholder group to examine potential future beneficial public uses of currently unused structures at the Dorothea Dix campus. It requires the department to submit its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 10, 2024. The committee may report out legislation related to the department's report in the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

### **LD 883 An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 195 adds community paramedicine services to the list of services exempted from home health licensing and includes conditions for the exemption. It also directs the Emergency Medical Services Board to adopt rules consistent with the home health exemption conditions.

### **LD 915 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 98 creates the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services to examine the organizational structure of the Department of Health and Human Services and the services provided by the department. The Commission shall examine: the organizational structure of and service delivery at similar agencies in other states and in nongovernmental organizations; strengths and weakness in services provided with state and federal funding; proposals to improve the safety and well-being of children and strengthening families; barriers to accessing services; and areas in which processes can be streamlined and made more efficient. The Commission shall support a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 6, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 98 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 19, 2023.



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### **LD 945 An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Changing the Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023 chapter 366 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt an asset limit of \$10,000 per family under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, program.
2. It authorizes the department to exempt from the asset limit one vehicle for each licensed driver in the family.
3. It changes the manner in which lump sum payments are counted for the purpose of eligibility for TANF assistance, such that the department must treat any nonrecurring lump sum income received by a family as an asset, and not as income, in the month the lump sum payment is received. To the extent that any nonrecurring lump sum income remains after the month it was received, the department must continue to consider the income as an asset.

### **LD 956 An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023 chapter 129 requires, beginning October 1, 2026, a health care facility, other than a pharmacy, to ensure that data related to sexual orientation and gender identity is collected from an individual as part of the health care information collected upon intake at a health care facility and at any other time demographic information is collected, unless the individual declines to answer questions regarding the individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. It provides that data collected pursuant to this section is health care information that is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1711-C.

### **LD 976 Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 97 establishes the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients, which is directed to study accessibility to appropriate communication methods for deaf and hard-of-hearing patients in health care settings and how that accessibility may be improved. The task force is required to submit a report and suggested legislation by December 6, 2023 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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### **LD 979 Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 111 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with two certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to provide transportation to medically managed withdrawal sites for individuals to receive detoxification services. One of the programs must be located in an urban area of the State and one must be located in a rural area. The total amount of funding for the contracts must be no more than \$30,000. The department must submit a report, no later than January 15, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with the number of individuals who received services, the distances traveled, the adequacy of funding and an estimate of the cost of providing such services statewide.

### **LD 982 An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 110 requires death certificate data to be provided, upon request, to a hospital or health care practitioner, in accordance with routine technical rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

### **LD 1003 Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 60 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a so-called No Eject, No Reject proposal that requires residential providers of behavioral health services for children or services to individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism to receive written approval from the department in circumstances relating to termination of services or declining a referral. The department must establish a stakeholder group to develop the proposal. The department must examine data to determine reasons why providers terminate or refuse referrals for services and determine barriers to accepting individuals for treatment services. The department must report its findings, the proposal and the steps for implementing the proposal, including any rulemaking and recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 2, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 60 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2023.

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### **LD 1040 An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 288 prohibits the MaineCare program from discriminating in its reimbursement for medically necessary treatment on the basis of a MaineCare member's gender identity, gender expression or on the basis that the MaineCare member is a transgender individual and requires that the program cover medically necessary treatment for or related to gender dysphoria.

### **LD 1083 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 93 changes the membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council to require one of the members who is 18 years of age or older with a rare disease to be a person who has or has had a single-gene disorder and to require one of the members who is a parent or guardian of a child with a rare disease to be a parent or guardian of a child with a single-gene disorder.

Public Law 2023, chapter 93 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 17, 2023.

### **LD 1092 Resolve, to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 112 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an ad hoc committee to make recommendations addressing the intervention in and prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children. The department shall submit a report, no later than January 1, 2025, to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with any recommendations.

### **LD 1104 Resolve, to Review the MaineCare Hospital Readmission Protocol**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 77 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review its MaineCare rules regarding hospital readmissions and reimbursement for readmissions, with a focus on readmissions of patients who had previously left the hospital against medical advice and readmissions of patients with substance use disorder and those with co-occurring substance use disorder and behavioral health disorders. It requires the department to, by January 15, 2024, submit

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recommendations for statutory and rule changes regarding readmissions to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It requires that, in making recommendations regarding management of readmissions of patients with substance use disorder and patients with co-occurring substance use disorder and behavioral health disorders, the department employ a trauma-informed approach.

### **LD 1106 Resolve, to Improve the Transition to Adult Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 80 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its plans to improve the transition from children's services to adult services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder in the Improving the Transition from Children's to Adult Services pilot project funded under Section 9817 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

### **LD 1204 An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Person**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 458 does the following.

1. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding with counties in this State that have a county jail or a regional jail in order to provide a person who is incarcerated in a county jail or a regional jail with assistance in applying for MaineCare services.
2. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the progress made towards entering into a memorandum of understanding with counties in the State that have a county jail or a regional jail relating to assisting an individual with applying for benefits under the MaineCare program.
3. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a waiver under Section 1115 of the United States Social Security Act to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cover certain services to incarcerated individuals and requires the department to provide those services if the waiver is approved and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services notifies the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes that written approval for the waiver has been received.

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### **LD 1229 An Act to Provide Information to Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System and Ensure Funding in the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 447 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an entity to provide free virtual classes that are conducted in real time and facilitated by peers to parents who are involved in the child protective services system. The contracted entity must conduct activities that maximize outreach to parents that qualify, promote the classes to parents and providers and provide one-on-one follow-up with parents who participate in the classes. The law provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2024-25 and also designates the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund as a nonlapsing fund.

### **LD 1248 An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 330 requires persons that extract water in this State to be sold as bottled water to conduct testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in the bottled water. It prohibits the sale of bottled water by a bottler that contains a PFAS contaminant in an amount that exceeds state or federal standards. The law also imposes reporting requirements on persons that extract water in this State to be sold as bottled water and includes requirements for the bottler and the Department of Health and Human Services to post testing results to publicly accessible websites.

### **LD 1325 An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports Concerning Child Welfare to the Legislature**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 261 requires reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, at least every three months, from the Child Death and Injury Review Panel and the Child Welfare Advisory Panel. The reports must include: a summary of generalized and anonymized observations of efforts of the Office and Child and Family Services to improve the child welfare system; recommendations on how to further protect the State's children; and a summary of collaboration between the Child Death and Injury Review Panel, the Child Welfare Advisory Panel and the judicial branch's Justice for Children Task Force.

The law requires the Office of Child and Family Services to provide quarterly reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The reports must include: prevention efforts; training programs; development and implementation of strategic plans, priorities and initiatives; data reports; staffing updates; child placements; implementation of requirements in prior enacted bills or budgets; interactions with citizen review

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panels; and any other subject matter requested by the committee. Resolve 2021, chapter 142 required quarterly reports for a limited period and Public Law 2023, chapter 261 makes those reports permanent but with some changes to the content. Public Law 2023, chapter 261 also clarifies that the Child Welfare Advisory Panel shall provide an annual report to the Legislature, rather than the Department of Health and Human Services providing the annual report.

### **LD 1417 Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine’s Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 57 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that its rules governing the licensing of mental health facilities avoids, as much as possible, standards that require duplicate licensing visits and surveys of behavioral health agencies and allows instead any equivalent standards by either national or state accrediting or licensing bodies. The rules must ensure that services are safe and meeting quality requirements, license by agency and not by service or facility site unless prohibited by federal Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration or other applicable federal requirements and reduce duplication of effort on the part of providers as much as possible. The department must submit a report on progress, no later than February 15, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature if more legislative action is necessary.

### **LD 1439 An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 463 requires a hospital to post in a publicly accessible area of its emergency department information provided by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding how individuals with substance use disorder can access evidence-based treatment services. It provides \$30,000 in one-time grant funds to support substance use disorder treatments that include family members of the person with substance use disorder, including community reinforcement and family training interventions.

### **LD 1474 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 121 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, and Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical

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Institution Services, Appendix C, to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of their as-filed settlement pursuant to the facility's cost reports within 90 days of receipt.

### **LD 1481 An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 270 authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to, on a case-by-case basis, permit the owner of an owner-occupied residential dwelling of three dwelling units or fewer for which lead-based substances have been ordered to be removed, replaced or securely and permanently covered to rent a vacant unit or units in that residential dwelling before full abatement of the dwelling is achieved if the department determines that residents may be sufficiently protected from lead-based substances in the dwelling.

Public Law 2023, chapter 270 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

### **LD 1722 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities**

#### **ENACTED SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 100 establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities to evaluate funding models and structures that allow for the sustained investment in the health and prosperity of youth and families in the State and make recommendations for further legislative action.

Resolve 2023, chapter 100 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 19, 2023.

### **LD 1728 An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 161 adds other opioid overdose-reversing medications to statutes governing naloxone hydrochloride.

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### **LD 1745 An Act to Support Public Health by Clarifying Authorized Activities Regarding Drug Checking**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 303 clarifies that persons possessing, receiving, transporting or storing drug samples for the purpose of testing or drug checking are authorized to do so.

Public Law 2023, chapter 303 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2023.

### **LD 1768 An Act to Clarify the MaineCare Rate Determination Requirements**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 238 establishes that MaineCare rate determinations are to take place no less frequently than once every five years.

### **LD 1781 Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 123 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to extend the current service contract for case management services through June 30, 2024 for the homeless opioid users service engagement pilot project, as established in Resolve 2019, chapter 105.

### **LD 1925 An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 241 makes changes to the laws relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry.

1. It amends the provisions relating to the Background Check Center, BCC, under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1691 as follows.
  - A. It authorizes the collection of biometric identifier data to enable the BCC to access national criminal history backgrounds of potential employees and to amend related grandfathering provisions.
  - B. It authorizes the portability of background check results from one employer to another.



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- C. It clarifies the relationship of the provisions to direct access workers.
  - D. It authorizes the BCC to specify offenses that disqualify an individual from employment as a direct access worker.
  - E. It establishes the BCC as the noncriminal justice submitting entity for the federal rap back monitoring program and outline procedures related to rap back monitoring.
2. It amends the provisions of law relating to the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers in order as follows.
- A. It limits the registry's authority to the eligibility of certified nursing assistants and listing direct care workers who have substantiated findings of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property.
  - B. It clarifies the relationship of the provisions to direct care workers.
  - C. It allows a process for a direct care worker to petition removal of a substantiated finding of neglect or misappropriation of property.
  - D. It clarifies that certified nursing assistants and direct care workers are subject to the background check required under the provisions of law governing the BCC.
  - E. It authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to specify criminal convictions that disqualify a person from employment as a certified nursing assistant or direct access worker.
  - F. It removes the provisions related to the ability of applicants to seek relief relating to disqualifying criminal convictions and site that authority within the BCC.
3. It amends the provisions of law relating to unlicensed assistive persons in order to.
- A. It replaces the term "unlicensed assistive person" with "direct care worker."
  - B. It removes the provisions related to the ability of applicants to seek relief relating to disqualifying criminal convictions and site that authority within the BCC.
  - C. It provides for individuals enrolling in a training program for direct care workers to receive a background check through the BCC.

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#### **LD 346 An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Family Caregivers**

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to request approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reimburse parents of minor children who are eligible for home health under services under the MaineCare program for providing those services under the Medicaid home health benefit was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part GGG.

#### **LD 659 An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism**

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. Rules initially adopted are major substantive rules and subsequent rules are routine technical. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part LLLLL.

#### **LD 1159 An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers**

Although this bill was not enacted, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future was directed to convene a working group to evaluate options for, identify barriers to and develop findings and recommendations regarding the prevention of opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers in the State in Resolve 2023, chapter 120. See Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Enacted Law Summary, LD 1364.

#### **LD 1282 An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs**

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to electronically provide income records and program enrollment information of recipients of the department's income supplementation and assistance programs when requested by entities for the purposes of facilitating administration of LIHEAP, LIAP, subsidized housing programs, energy assistance and other programs was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part VV.

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#### **LD 1522 An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program**

Although this bill was not enacted, the asset test for eligibility was removed for the elderly low-cost drug program and the Medicare savings program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. That law also established income eligibility for qualified Medicare beneficiaries at no more than 185% of the federal poverty level and for qualified individuals at more than 185% and no more than 250% of the federal poverty level. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part EEEEE.

#### **LD 1719 An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers**

Although this bill was not enacted, funding to support a new substance use disorder treatment center, in either Washington or Kennebec County, was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. \$400,000 for development costs was appropriated for fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$1,600,000 was appropriated for ongoing operations in both fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025.

#### **LD 1726 An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families**

Although this bill was not enacted, the Maine Child Care Affordability Program within the Department of Health and Human Services encompassing the former child care subsidy program and establishing new eligibility for child care providers was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. That law also doubled the monthly wage supplement for child care workers and directed the department to amend its procedures regarding eligibility, promote the program, streamline and simplify the online invoicing and billing systems for child care providers and, by 2030, implement a program to achieve affordable child care. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part VVV.