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Not Enacted	LD 219	An Act to Limit Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs to a One- for-one Exchange	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 514	Resolve, to Raise MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Detoxification Services for Substance Use Disorder Treatment	ONTP
	LD 604	An Act to Ensure Access to Concurrent Methadone Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Programs	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1362	An Act to Establish Parity in Funding Between Recovery Community Centers and Peer-run Recovery Centers	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1738	An Act to Establish the Biohazard Waste Disposal Grant Program to Support Public Health Efforts in the State	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1973	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Oversight and Funding Structures for Recovery Residences and Resident Protections	ONTP
		Tobacco Sale and Use	
Enacted	LD 166	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	PUBLIC 493
	LD 1938	An Act Regarding the Regulation of Tobacco	PUBLIC 367

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Enacted An Act to Allow Unaccompanied and Emancipated Minors to Access LD 408 PUBLIC 200

Their Vital Records At No Cost

Waitlists

Not **ONTP**

LD 1634 An Act Regarding MaineCare Waiting Lists **Enacted**

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HHS	35	An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services	Curry, Chip		6/17/2025	Carried Over					S1
ннѕ	49	An Act to Ensure Quality in Personal Care Agencies	Cloutier, Kristen	LTW	2/5/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	51	An Act to Increase Oversight of Fatalities of and Serious Injuries to Adults Subject to Public Guardianship	Shagoury, Daniel	OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	127		S1
HHS	52	Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Options for Allowing Children in the Department's Custody to Receive Federal Benefits	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM	6/12/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	63	An Act to Support Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	Graham, Anne	OTP-AM	2/28/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	10		R1
HHS	67	An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent Care Facilities	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	5/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	129		S1
HHS	70	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	Brennan, Michael	OTP- AM/ONTP	4/18/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	439		S1
HHS	84	An Act to Improve the Coordination of Health Care for Minors in State Care	Graham, Anne	OTP-AM	6/10/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	332		S1
HHS	85	An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council	Meyer, Michele	ОТР	2/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	5		R1
HHS	93	An Act to Reduce Cost and Increase Access to Disease Prevention by Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to Include Adults	Zager, Sam	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	440		S1
HHS	94	An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements	Graham, Anne	ОТР	4/7/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	42		S1
HHS	99	An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM	6/13/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	362		S1

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HHS	110	An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM	5/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	79		S 1
HHS	116	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Piercing Guns	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	117	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	Duson, Jill	OTP-AM	4/25/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	441		S1
HHS	134	An Act to Require Certain Individuals Who Instruct Children Under 18 Years of Age in Dance or Creative Movement to Undergo a Criminal Background Check	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	143	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	Pierce, Teresa	OTP- AM/ONTP	4/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	443		S1
HHS	156	An Act to Improve Notifications Related to Substance-exposed Infants	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	6/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	353		S1
HHS	166	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	Moonen, Matt	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	493		S1
ннѕ	167	An Act to Provide 2 Hearing Aids to MaineCare Members with Diagnosed Hearing Loss	Graham, Anne	OTP-AM	5/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	446		S1
HHS	169	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	Hasenfus, Tavis	OTP-AM	5/8/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
ннѕ	182	An Act to Provide Per Diem Payments for MaineCare Residents of the Maine Veterans' Homes	Supica, Laura	OTP-AM	6/13/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
ннѕ	202	An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services	Moore, Marianne	OTP-AM	5/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	135		S 1
HHS	215	An Act Regarding Large Recovery Residences	Hasenfus, Tavis	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	449		S1

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HHS	219	An Act to Limit Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs to a One-for-one Exchange	Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	ONTP/OTP	4/10/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S 1
HHS	258	Resolve, to Establish a Program to Recruit and Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians	Stewart, Trey	ONTP	3/25/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	263	Resolve, to Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits Under MaineCare	Shagoury, Daniel	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	279	An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	327	An Act to Provide Additional Funding to Support In-home Personal Support Services for Qualified Senior Citizens	Bridgeo, William	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S 1
HHS	331	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports	Drinkwater, Gary	ONTP/OTP- AM	5/23/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	346	An Act to Help Child Care Providers by Requiring Recipients of Benefits to Pay the Difference Between the Amount Reimbursed and the Amount Charged	Milliken, Nina	LTW	2/5/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	376	An Act to Improve Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes Through Doula Care	Tepler, Denise	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	388	An Act to Provide Access to Quality Family Child Care for Military Personnel by Exempting Certain Military Child Care Providers from State Licensing Requirements	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM	5/8/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	101		S1
HHS	389	Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission	Stewart, Trey	ONTP/OTP- AM	5/2/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	408	An Act to Allow Unaccompanied and Emancipated Minors to Access Their Vital Records At No Cost	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM	5/22/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	200		S1
HHS	429	An Act to Track Certain Information Regarding and Seek Federal Reimbursement for Medical Care Provided to Asylum Seekers	Drinkwater, Gary	ONTP/OTP	5/12/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ннѕ	431	An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care	Roeder, Amy	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S 1
HHS	436	An Act to Prohibit State Agencies from Promoting the COVID-19 Vaccination to Children	Eder, John	ONTP/OTP	4/9/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	453	An Act to Require the State to Pay 90 Percent of All General Assistance Expenses of Municipalities and Indian Tribes	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	480	An Act to Support Healthy Weight by Providing MaineCare Coverage for Certain Weight Loss Medications	Graham, Anne	ONTP	3/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	493	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	Osher, Laurie	OTP- AM/ONTP	5/27/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	500	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	Pluecker, Bill	OTP- AM/ONTP	5/23/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1

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HHS	503	An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	140		S1
HHS	514	Resolve, to Raise MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Detoxification Services for Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	3/25/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	518	Resolve, Increasing Access to Maternal and Child Health Care	Meyer, Michele	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	540	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	Boyer, Jr., David	OTP-AM	5/12/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	541	An Act to Promote Awareness of the Maine Parentage Act	Bridgeo, William	ONTP/OTP- AM	4/16/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	555	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	Timberlake, Jeff		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	561	An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	6/2/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	562	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes When the Transport is at the Request of the Chief Medical Examiner	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	5/16/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	563	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	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	591	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	4/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	604	An Act to Ensure Access to Concurrent Methadone Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Programs	Supica, Laura	OTP-AM	5/20/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1

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HHS	612	An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Electronic Benefits Transfer Card Transactions and Lottery Operations	Henderson, Rachel	ONTP/OTP- AM	6/4/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	613	An Act to Amend the Maine Death with Dignity Act to Ensure Access by Qualified Patients	Meyer, Michele	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	375		S1
HHS	623	An Act to Enhance Support Services for Individuals with an Acquired Brain Injury	Hepler, Allison	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	233		S1
HHS	625	An Act Supporting Education for the Rural Health Care Workforce	Osher, Laurie	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	637	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Evaluate the Municipal General Assistance Program Database	Henderson, Rachel	ONTP	5/21/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	650	An Act to Support Municipal Public Health	Graham, Anne	OTP-AM	5/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	75		S1
ннѕ	657	An Act to Modify the Law Governing Municipal General Assistance by Designating Broadband Internet Access Service and Wireless Access Point Technology as Basic Necessities	Simmons, Abden	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	689	An Act to Support the Northern New England Poison Center	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM	4/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	458		S1
HHS	709	An Act to Establish the Respite for ME Program	Cloutier, Kristen	ОТР	3/28/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	30		S1
ннѕ	710	An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	145		S1
HHS	712	An Act to Clarify the Relationship Between Palliative Care Physicians and Hospital Physicians	Schmersal- Burgess, Tammy	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	721	Resolve, to Support the Full Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in the State	Graham, Anne	OTP-AM	5/22/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	759	An Act to Increase Patient Safety in Long-term Care Facilities	Hickman, Craig	ONTP	4/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	763	An Act to Improve Long-term Care by Providing Funding for Nursing Facilities	Grohoski, Nicole	ONTP	5/2/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	764	An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Certain Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Investigations	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	236		S1
HHS	765	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	Meyer, Michele	ОТР	4/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	37		S1
HHS	766	An Act to Protect the Children of Maine	Meyer, Michele		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	767	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensing of Certain Types of Establishments and Professions by the Department of Health and Human Services	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	6/10/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	339		S1
HHS	768	An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Licensing of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	237		S1
HHS	769	An Act Regarding Access to Behavioral Health Supports for Adults with Certain Disabilities	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	276		S1
HHS	770	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	772	An Act to Assist Nursing Facilities in the Management of Facility Beds	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	4/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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ннѕ	782	An Act to Amend MaineCare Financial Eligibility Requirements	Tepler, Denise	ONTP	5/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	791	An Act Regarding Children with Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement in Residential Care Facilities	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	792	An Act to Fund Medical Research and Cancer Prevention	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP/OTP- AM	4/30/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
HHS	800	An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities	Gattine, Drew	OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	465		S1
HHS	802	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Design a Mentoring Program for Youth Who Have Extended Care and Support Agreements with the Department	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	112		S1
HHS	814	An Act to Provide Funding to Area Agencies on Aging for Community-based Services and Programs to Support Older Adults	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM	4/28/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	815	An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM	4/8/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	466		S1
ннѕ	831	An Act Regarding Abandoned Vehicles Due to Involuntary Psychiatric Hospitalization	Moore, Marianne	ONTP	5/21/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	834	An Act to Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM	6/10/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	840	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM	4/16/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	842	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing the MaineCare, Maine Rx Plus and Emergency MaineCare Programs	Talbot Ross, Rachel	LTW	5/16/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	865	An Act to Require MaineCare to Reimburse for Lactation Services in the Homes of Eligible Persons	Boyer, Michelle	OTP-AM	6/10/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	468		S1
HHS	871	An Act to Exempt All Persons, Including Health Care and Emergency Services Personnel, from COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements	Cimino, Marygrace	ONTP	4/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	875	An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	4/8/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	889	An Act to Clarify the Release of Information by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Law Regarding Automatic Referrals	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	6/10/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	330		S1
ннѕ	891	An Act to Exclude Poverty as a Factor When Determining Instances of Willful Neglect or Abuse of a Child	Hickman, Craig	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S 1
HHS	896	An Act to Provide Young Children Stable Access to Health Care	Carney, Anne	OTP- AM/ONTP	5/29/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	904	An Act to Exempt from Fees Certain Services Performed by the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory for Criminal Investigations	Haggan, David	ONTP	4/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ННЅ	938	An Act to Implement Certain Local Spending and Sourcing Requirements Regarding the Statewide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Flynn, Paul	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	943	An Act to Require the ASPIRE-TANF Program to Be Administered by State Employees	Archer, Marshall		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	960	Resolve, to Allow the Placement of Hospitalized Patients in Nursing Facilities in Alternative Locations Under Certain Circumstances	Javner, Kathy	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	62		S1
HHS	977	Resolve, Requiring the Maine Health Data Organization to Develop a Plan for Measuring Gaps in Home and Community-based Services	Cluchey, Sally	OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	113		S1

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HHS	978	An Act to Increase General Assistance Reimbursement for Municipalities and Indian Tribes	Zager, Sam		6/18/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	979	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services		OTP-AM	6/16/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	92		S 1
ннѕ	980	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Improve the Oversight of the Long-term Care System	Tepler, Denise	ONTP	4/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1001	An Act to Prohibit Medical Providers and Certain Others from Reporting Prescribed Medication- assisted Treatment of Parents to Child Protective Services	Milliken, Nina	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1006	An Act to Allow Testing of Pregnant Persons for Drugs Directly Before and After Childbirth	Dill, Jim	ONTP	4/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1017	An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP- AM/ONTP	5/23/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1028	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Equitable Access to Maternal Health Care and Birthing Facilities	Talbot Ross, Rachel	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	1029	An Act to Ensure General Assistance for Housing Does Not Reduce Assistance for Other Basic Necessities and to Increase Presumptive Eligibility and State Reimbursement for General Assistance	Talbot Ross, Rachel	ONTP	5/21/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1046	An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Receiving Municipal General Assistance	Quint, Tracy	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1060	An Act to Provide Funding to Reduce Stigma for Parents Seeking Support	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	5/13/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1061	An Act to Increase Community Support for Families in Maine	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	4/28/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1066	An Act Regarding Limits on Municipal General Assistance Programs	Bernard, Sue	ONTP	5/21/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	1070	Resolve, to Study a Medicaid Forward Plan for Maine	Tipping, Michael	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1078	An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs	Rana, Ambureen	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	408		S1
HHS	1079	An Act to Provide Comprehensive Perimenopause and Menopause Education	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM	5/27/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	472		S1
HHS	1081	An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM	5/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	149		S1
HHS	1102	Resolve, to Raise Awareness of the Importance of Brain Health and Reducing the Risk of Dementia	Guerin, Stacey	ONTP	4/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1108	An Act Regarding the Reunification of Foster Children with Their Parents	Griffin, Abigail	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1125	An Act Regarding the Impact of Certain Nonemergency Transportation Services Contracts on Community Action Agency Programs	Bridgeo, William	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1151	An Act to Protect Access to Health Insurance Under the MaineCare Program	Morris, Joshua	LTW	5/12/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1157	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the State's Background Check Center	Shagoury, Daniel	OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	243		S1
HHS	1178	An Act to Expedite the Process Involving Municipalities That Illegally Move a Person to Avoid Responsibility for General Assistance Support	Salisbury, Suzanne	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1191	An Act to Ensure Timely Reimbursement for Providers of Child Care Services for Children in Foster Care	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1199	Resolve, Regarding the Development of a Medication Administration Training Program for Maine Youth Camps	Brenner, Stacy	ONTP	4/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1216	An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services	Nangle, Tim		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
ннѕ	1233	An Act to Modify Confidentiality Laws to Protect Children Being Placed into Custody by the Department of Health and Human Services	Campbell, Dick	ONTP	4/11/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1235	An Act to Establish Transparency in Opioid Settlement Funds Allocated to Municipalities or Counties	Roeder, Amy	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1237	An Act to Support Adult Family Care Homes and Residential Care Facilities That Are Small or Located in Rural and Isolated Areas of the State	Mitchell, Christina	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1239	An Act to Require Data Collection on and Reporting of Psychiatric Hospital Resources and Transparency in Denials of Emergency Involuntary Admissions to Psychiatric Hospitals	Shagoury, Daniel	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S 1
HHS	1243	An Act Regarding the Licensing of Assisted Living Facilities	Strout, Tiffany	OTP-AM	5/22/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	307		S1
HHS	1261	Resolve, to Establish the Community Navigator Pilot Program to Support At-risk Families	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM	6/10/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1274	An Act to Cap State General Assistance Reimbursement to Municipalities	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	ONTP	5/1/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1277	An Act Regarding Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Activities	Moonen, Matt	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/6/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
ннѕ	1280	Resolve, to Create Pilot Programs to Provide Tuition Assistance and Grants for Rural Child Care Providers	Eaton, Holly	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1311	An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Improving Educational Opportunities	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	6/4/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
ннѕ	1316	An Act to Amend the Mandated Reporter Laws Regarding Medical Records, Additional Information and Immunity	Moore, Marianne	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1326	An Act to Protect the Drinking Water for Consumers of Certain Water Systems by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Shagoury, Daniel	OTP-AM	6/10/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	425		S1
HHS	1345	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Timely Provide Interim Settlement Payments to Long-term Care Facilities	Stewart, Trey	ONTP	5/2/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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ннѕ	1362	An Act to Establish Parity in Funding Between Recovery Community Centers and Peer-run Recovery Centers	Roeder, Amy	LTW	4/2/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1367	Resolve, to Study Methods of Gradually Transitioning Individuals from Government Assistance Programs to the Workforce	Lanigan, Lucas	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1380	Resolve, Establishing the Study Group on Solutions to Address Maine's Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage	Stover, Holly	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1397	An Act to Fund Community-based Organizations to Prevent and Reduce the Risk of Children's Involvement in the Child Welfare System	Crafts, Lydia	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1406	An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	240		S1
ннѕ	1409	An Act Regarding the Rights of Foster Parents	Griffin, Abigail	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1414	An Act to Support and Sustain Maine's Child Care Workforce	Daughtry, Matthea		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1416	An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Immediately Take Custody of Persons Sentenced to Mental Health Facilities That May Not Include County or Regional Jails	Talbot Ross, Rachel		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1418	An Act to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care, Including Fertility Treatments and Contraceptives	Nangle, Tim		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1

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ннѕ	1421	An Act to Clarify Parental Notifications Regarding Child Care Facility Investigations	Pierce, Teresa	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1425	An Act to Improve Access to Sustainable and Low- barrier Trauma Recovery Services	Rotundo, Margaret	OTP-AM	5/23/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1426	Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Held by Governor				S1
HHS	1428	An Act to Increase Access to Child Care for Maine Families	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM	6/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	288		S1
HHS	1429	An Act to Provide Full Reimbursement for Emergency Ambulance Services Provided to MaineCare Members	Fredette, Kenneth	ONTP	5/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	1442	Resolve, Regarding Personal Care Agency Licensing Rules	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1443	An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service Providers and Housing Assistance Providers	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	6/6/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1447	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of All Vendors	Stewart, Trey	ONTP	5/2/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1459	An Act to Make General Assistance Officers Mandated Reporters	Henderson, Rachel	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1460	An Act to Require Parents to Be Informed of Hospitals' Safe Sleep Rules	Eder, John	ONTP/OTP- AM	6/4/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1469	An Act to Clarify the Quality Rating System for Child Care Services in Maine	Collamore, Amanda	OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	247		S1

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HHS	1485	An Act to Create a Minimum Standard of Pathology for Children Under 3 Years of Age Who Die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or an Unknown Cause	Quint, Tracy	ONTP/OTP- AM	6/6/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1487	An Act to Support Community Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs	Talbot Ross, Rachel	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1489	Resolve, to Provide Stability to Long-term Care Facility Funding	Grohoski, Nicole	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1509	Resolve, to Maintain Access to Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Brain Injury	Stover, Holly	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1523	Resolve, to Develop MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services	Dhalac, Deqa	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	89		S1
HHS	1540	Resolve, Directing the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to Examine the Unmet Needs of Children Who Need Skilled Medical Care	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	6/13/2025		Held by Governor				S 1
HHS	1550	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules to Protect Water Quality by Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Septic Systems	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	5/16/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	45		S1
ннѕ	1570	An Act to Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply	Poirier, Jennifer	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1583	An Act Regarding Home Health Care and Hospice Services Ordered by a Health Care Provider Outside of Maine	Cloutier, Kristen		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1

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ннѕ	1606	An Act to Require Data Collection and Major Substantive Rulemaking for the Lifespan Waiver Providing Home and Community-based Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Other Related Conditions	Boyer, Michelle	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1613	An Act to Establish Maine's Care Force to Address the State's Health Care Crisis	Macias, Rafael	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1631	Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group to Address Child Stay Times in Hospital Emergency Departments	Gramlich, Lori	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1634	An Act Regarding MaineCare Waiting Lists	Osher, Laurie	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S 1
HHS	1658	An Act to Preserve and Strengthen the Fund for a Healthy Maine	Graham, Anne		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1677	An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program	Shagoury, Daniel	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Held by Governor				S1
HHS	1703	Resolve, to Establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening and Resiliency Assessment Pilot Project	Gramlich, Lori	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ннѕ	1707	An Act to Require a Person to Be a United States Citizen to Receive State or Local Financial Assistance and to Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws	Greenwood, Randall	ONTP/OTP- AM	6/3/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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HHS	1711	Resolve, to Allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits to Be Used to Purchase Ready-to-cook Meals	Lanigan, Lucas	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1716	An Act to Require Family Life Education to Include a Human Growth and Development Curriculum	Guerin, Stacey	ONTP/OTP- AM	5/29/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1720	Resolve, Regarding Certified Nursing Assistant Examinations	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/5/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1728	An Act to Establish the Maine Child Care Affordability Program Advisory Board	Ingwersen, Henry	·	6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1736	An Act to Increase the Supply of Child Care Services Through the Use of Contracts	Reny, Cameron	OTP/ONTP	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	323		S1
HHS	1737	An Act to Ensure the Future of Maine's Sporting Camp Heritage	Stewart, Trey		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1738	An Act to Establish the Biohazard Waste Disposal Grant Program to Support Public Health Efforts in the State	Rana, Ambureen	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/4/2025		Held by Governor				S1
HHS	1745	An Act to Stabilize Residential Treatment Capacity for Children and Youth in Maine	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	6/12/2025		Held by Governor				S1
HHS	1746	An Act to Reduce Dental Disease and Ensure Access to Essential Preventive Dental Care Among Maine Children	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	6/9/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1758	An Act to Expedite Provider Enrollment in MaineCare	Arford, Poppy	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1769	An Act to Ensure Data Reporting for Temporary Nurse Agencies	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	6/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	346		S1
HHS	1772	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities	Bennett, Richard		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S 1

DIGEST OF BILLS 132ND LEGISLATURE, FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS - 2025

Comm	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Date of Last Committee Action	Carried Over?	Disposition	Law	Ch#	Analyst note?	Session
HHS	1799	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment	DeBrito, Flavia	ONTP	5/21/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1835	An Act to Improve Nonemergency MaineCare Transportation	Bennett, Richard		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1843	An Act to Provide Peer Respite for Individuals with Mental Health Care Needs	Roeder, Amy	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/3/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1859	An Act to Improve Access to Child Care and Early Childhood Education by Establishing Regional Resource Hubs	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/4/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HHS	1866	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the State- designated Agency Advocating for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	6/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	349		S1
HHS	1878	An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services	Stover, Holly	ONTP	5/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1893	An Act to Establish an Independent Office of the Child Advocate	Gramlich, Lori		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
ннѕ	1922	An Act to Support Workforce Development for Families That Were Involved in Child Protective Activities by Requiring the Sealing of Certain Records	Meyer, Michele		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1932	An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development	Fecteau, Ryan		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1937	An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital- affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance Programs for Medical Care	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	488		S1
HHS	1938	An Act Regarding the Regulation of Tobacco	Moonen, Matt	OTP- AM/ONTP	6/12/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	367		S1
HHS	1945	An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities	Rana, Ambureen	OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	255		S1
HHS	1946	An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of Certified Recovery Residences for Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Vouchers	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM	6/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	427		S1

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ННЅ	1952	An Act Regarding Home Heating Fuel Assistance	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/21/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1955	An Act to Increase Child Care Affordability and Early Childhood Educator Stability	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM	6/11/2025		Held by Governor				S1
ннѕ	1959	An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Reducing General Assistance Reimbursement Maximums for Payment of Costs of Providing Emergency Shelter	Talbot Ross, Rachel		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
HHS	1961	An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to the Licensure of Certain Facilities by the Department of Health and Human Services	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	305		S1
HHS	1973	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Oversight and Funding Structures for Recovery Residences and Resident Protections	Rollins, David	ONTP	5/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

LD 51 An Act to Increase Oversight of Fatalities of and Serious Injuries to Adults Subject to Public Guardianship

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 127 expands the charge of the Aging and Disability Review Panel and changes the membership. The Aging and Disability Review Panel reviews deaths of and serious injuries to adults receiving services in home-based and community-based services programs, including participants in those programs who are subject to public guardianship. This law expands the charge of the panel to review all deaths of and serious injuries to adults subject to public guardianship, regardless of whether they are enrolled in home-based and community-based services program. It also amends the panel membership to include a person in the Department of Health and Human Services who is responsible for adult protective services, a member of the public with lived experience as an adult receiving services and a health care provider who is a physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

LD 63 An Act to Support Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 10 deappropriates funds from the Mental Health Services – Community Program in the Department of Health and Human Services and appropriates funds to the Medical Care – Payments to Providers program for certified community behavioral health clinics to reflect the participation in the federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Medicaid Demonstration Program administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in partnership with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Public Law 2025, chapter 10 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2025.

LD 67 An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent Care Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 129 establishes a definition for "urgent care facility," which excludes a facility that is licensed as part of a hospital, provides services or accommodations for patients who stay overnight or is the location of the private office of a physician or dentist. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish licensing standards for urgent care facilities. It also adds urgent care facilities to the definition of "health care facility" under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 413, the law governing the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority.

LD 70 An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 439 provides one-time funding in the amount of \$50,000 for each year of the 2025-2027 biennium for the State's free health clinics.

LD 84 An Act to Improve the Coordination of Health Care for Minors in State Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 332 extends to employees of the Department of Health and Human Services the permission to obtain confidential health care information for the purpose of coordinating health care for a minor in the department's custody. The law specifies certain employees of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom permission is given to obtain confidential health care information for the sole purpose of coordinating health care for an individual who has not attained 18 years of age in the department's custody is given. It also requires the department to request records directly from the individual's providers and allows access to information from a state-designated statewide health information exchange, but only to ascertain current health conditions, medications and immediate medical needs.

LD 85 An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 5 makes changes to the laws governing the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council. It changes the matters on which the council provides advice to clarify matters affecting recipients of TANF cash and other TANF recipients. It allows for the removal from the council of a member who fails to attend two meetings within a 12-month period. It removes the provision requiring the establishment of a postsecondary education subcommittee. Finally, it authorizes compensation, in the amount of the legislative per diem, and reimbursement for expenses for a member who is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the council by the member's employer or the entity the member represents.

LD 93 An Act to Reduce Cost and Increase Access to Disease Prevention by Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to Include Adults

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 440 amends the law governing the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to expand the program to provide immunizations to and cover the costs of recommended vaccines for adults in the State. It specifies the process for distributing total annual program costs

among payers by adding assessment calculation language. It adds other options for the purchase of low-cost vaccines, in addition to the federal Vaccines for Children Program.

LD 94 An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 42 eliminates the requirement that health care professionals report to the Department of Health and Human Services each occurrence of a miscarriage of a fetus of less than 20 weeks gestation.

LD 99 An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 362 clarifies that the investigation team of the Department of Health and Human Services may investigate an individual who is certified by the Department of Education, who has applied for licensure or certification, or who is subject to licensure or certification. It also clarifies that an investigation team in the Department of Health and Human Services may notify the superintendent of a school administrative unit, chief administrator of a public school not in a school administrative unit or chief administrator of a private school when there is an indicated or substantiated finding of out-of-home abuse or neglect against an employee of that school administrative unit, a public school not in a school administrative unit or a private school. It also allows the Department of Education to disseminate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect occurring within a school to superintendents, chief administrators of public schools not in a school administrative unit or chief administrators of private schools when neither the Department of Health and Human Services nor the Department of Education is investigating or it is determined that the school is unaware of the information.

LD 110 An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 79 requires that a direct share subdivision that receives opioid settlement funds in accordance with the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds, dated and signed on January 26, 2022, and the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds-2023, dated and signed on May 2, 2023, must submit an annual report to the Attorney General detailing the amount of such funds received and expended in the prior calendar year and including a description of each such expenditure. The first annual report must be submitted by January 15, 2026. The law also includes a requirement that the Attorney General

compile the reports submitted by direct share subdivisions and submit them by February 15, 2026 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

LD 117 An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 441 requires that any unused balances of the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2025-26 and the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services to replace current and anticipated reduction in grants to the department under the federal victim assistance formula grant program that are not needed for those purposes must be equally disbursed to a statewide coalition of domestic violence resource centers and a statewide coalition of sexual assault support centers to support community-based services. The department must identify any unused balances by March 30th of each year.

LD 143 An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 443 requires the State Controller, at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as the next priority after other transfers and deductions have been made, to transfer up to \$3,000,000 from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for statewide family planning services to provide funds to be distributed to a single grantee that will provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services.

LD 156 An Act to Improve Notifications Related to Substance-exposed Infants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 353 establishes and defines a family care plan in statute as a plan of safe care as described in the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. It specifies the procedures for health care providers to notify the Department of Health and Human Services regarding infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, including developing a family care plan. It requires data collection in a manner that complies with federal law. It removes references in law to notifications not being construed to establish a definition of "abuse" or "neglect" or to require prosecution and removes references to investigations by the Department of Health and Human Services upon notification.

LD 166 An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 493 prohibits a pharmacy or retail establishment containing a pharmacy from holding a retail tobacco license effective April 1, 2026. The law also removes the cigarette stamp discount effective April 1, 2026.

LD 167 An Act to Provide 2 Hearing Aids to MaineCare Members with Diagnosed Hearing Loss

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 446 requires the MaineCare program to provide reimbursement for a hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program. Previously, the MaineCare program provided reimbursement for a hearing aid for one hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program, with additional requirements as established by rule for coverage of a hearing aid for the second hearing-impaired ear. The law also provides funding for MaineCare reimbursement of bilateral hearing aids.

LD 202 An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 135 increases the number of children that an unlicensed child care provider may care for, in addition to their own children, without being licensed as a family child care provider. The unlicensed child care provider may care for three children, other than those in the provider's home, or four children if at least two of the children are siblings. No more than three of the total number of children in the provider's care, however, may be under two years of age.

LD 215 An Act Regarding Large Recovery Residences

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 449 establishes maximum levels of assistance for housing assistance provided to or on behalf of a person residing in a certified recovery residence with occupancy of 26 or more beds, in an amount equal to 70% of the maximum levels of assistance for recovery residences with occupancy of 25 or fewer beds. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse each municipality for housing assistance provided to or on behalf of a person residing in a certified recovery residence with occupancy of 26 or more beds, in an amount equal

to 100% of housing assistance granted to that individual. It also directs the department to convene a stakeholder group of interested parties, including, but not limited to, individuals in recovery, operators of recovery residences, municipal officials and individuals representing the entity responsible for the certification of recovery residences in the State to review options for managing the costs of general assistance provided for residents of recovery residences, including possible expansion or creation of state-funded subsidy programs. The department must report its findings by February 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, and the committee has the authority to report out legislation related to the report.

LD 388 An Act to Provide Access to Quality Family Child Care for Military Personnel by Exempting Certain Military Child Care Providers from State Licensing Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 101 exempts a child care provider or family child care provider that is licensed or certified by the United States Department of Defense or the United States Coast Guard and provides care only for children of parents or guardians who are active duty military members from the state licensing requirements for child care facilities in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1673.

LD 408 An Act to Allow Unaccompanied and Emancipated Minors to Access Their Vital Records At No Cost

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 200 requires the state registrar to make available the vital records of an unaccompanied and emancipated minor to the minor at no cost. It also requires that the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, with the written permission of the minor, make certified or noncertified copies of vital records of an unaccompanied or emancipated minor available at any reasonable time upon the request of the director of an emergency shelter program, runaway or homeless youth services organization or continuum of care agency at which the minor is a client, or the director's designee, or to a social worker, school administrator or teacher providing services to that minor. It defines "unaccompanied minor" as a person who has not attained 18 years of age who is not accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time that the minor makes the request to obtain the minor's vital records or gives written permission for a person authorized under the law to receive the records on the minor's behalf and "emancipated minor" as an individual ordered emancipated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 3506-A.

LD 503 An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 140 makes the following changes to the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission.

- 1. It increases the total membership from 18 to 19 members.
- 2. It replaces the member who is a public school administrator who has experience with school-based substance use intervention, prevention and education programs with a member who is a representative from the field of education who has experience with school-based substance use intervention, prevention and education programs.
- 3. It removes the member who is an elementary school educator.
- 4. It adds a member who is a substance use disorder harm reduction practitioner.
- 5. It increases the number of members of the public on the commission from three to four members and includes among the individuals from whom the Governor may select, in making appointments of members of the public, individuals who are actively involved in the representation of federally recognized Indian tribes, nations or bands.
- 6. It adds language requiring the commission to adopt bylaws.
- 7. It reduces the number of required meetings from 12 to six per year and requires meetings at least every other month rather than monthly.
- 8. It clarifies that the commission is required to keep minutes of all full commission meetings, and it replaces language requiring that approved minutes must be sent to the Legislature and Governor with language requiring that minutes be posted on a publicly accessible website.
- 9. It adds to the duties of the commission advising, consulting and assisting the Governor, the executive and legislative branches and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court in matters related to substance use disorder intervention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery.
- 10. It adds harm reduction to the topics for which the commission serves as an advocate and resource for the State.
- 11. It provides that the commission is required to make recommendations relating to substance use disorder to the Legislature.

LD 613 An Act to Amend the Maine Death with Dignity Act to Ensure Access by Qualified Patients

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 375 allows an attending physician to waive a portion of the waiting periods for qualified patients to access end-of-life medication based on a qualified patient's condition and the attending physician's medical opinion regarding the best interests of the qualified patient as long as the waiting period is no less than seven days. When a portion of the waiting periods is waived, a note must be included in the patient's medical record.

LD 623 An Act to Enhance Support Services for Individuals with an Acquired Brain Injury

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 233 updates the provision of law regarding assistance for individuals with an acquired brain injury that allows the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into contracts with organizations to require such an organization to be based in the State or have an affiliate in the State established and directed by families, caregivers and individuals with an acquired brain injury residing in the State. It also adds access to an online brain injury screening and support system to the definition of "core brain injury support."

LD 650 An Act to Support Municipal Public Health

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 75 amends the law governing local boards of health to clarify membership requirements and the authority of a local board of health. The law adds language allowing a municipal local board of health seat filled by a physician to instead be filled by a physician, advanced practice nurse or physician assistant. It provides that a board member must have education in the field of medicine or public health, requires that the board be, to the extent possible, representative of the community and requires that public education on health issues provided by a local board of health be based on scientific approaches.

LD 689 An Act to Support the Northern New England Poison Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 458 appropriates ongoing funding of \$50,000 per year to the Northern New England Poison Center.

LD 709 An Act to Establish the Respite for ME Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 30 repeals the law that directs the Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Respite Care Fund and instead establishes the Respite for ME Program and directs the department to administer the Respite for ME Program for the purpose of providing respite care and supplemental services for family caregivers and older relative caregivers.

LD 710 An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 145 amends the laws governing the requirements for access to and distribution of naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid overdose-reversing medications. The law removes training requirements for community-based drug overdose prevention programs and recovery residences and expands access by allowing municipalities to provide vending machines for use by the public in response to an opioid-related drug overdose. The law further provides additional immunity protections for all persons who may administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to another individual in good faith when they believe the other individual is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. The law includes language that clarifies the authority of health care professionals to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication approved for over-the-counter dispensation by the federal Food and Drug Administration or its successor organization with or without a prescription. The law also incorporates other opioid overdose-reversing medications in the provisions governing naloxone hydrochloride.

LD 764 An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Certain Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Investigations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 236 grants the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the Department of Health and Human Services the ability to issue a subpoena to obtain records and testimony relevant to a licensure violation investigation.

LD 765 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 37 amends the laws governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program. It changes the definition of "prescriber" to mean a licensed health care professional or veterinarian with prescriptive authority, including a licensed health care professional or veterinarian who uses telehealth in providing health care to prescribe controlled substances to patients located in this State; removes the itemized list of required information to be reported to the program and provides the Department of Health and Human Services authority to specify and determine this information by rule; extends the annual reporting deadline from January 15th annually to April 15th annually; and repeals the one-time rule-making authorization and exception from 2017.

LD 767 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensing of Certain Types of Establishments and Professions by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 339 amends the law governing the licensing of eating establishments, lodging places, recreational camps, youth camps, public pools, public spas and campgrounds by creating an exception that allows a license to be transferred when a licensee has died. Under the law, the personal representative of the deceased licensee, or another authorized person, may take over the license for one year after the date of the personal representative's or another authorized person's appointment.

Public Law 2025, chapter 339 enacts a provision that makes confidential the identity of a person making a complaint concerning actions taken by the Department of Health and Human Services associated with the department's licensing or regulatory authority over several categories of professions and establishments.

Public Law 2025, chapter 339 clarifies that for licenses issued for electrology, tattooing, micropigmentation and body piercing, any license issued in error is void and must be returned to the department on demand. With respect to licensing for micropigmentation, the law removes language that establishes a specific calendar date for the biennial expiration of licenses and clarifies that the term of a license is two years beginning on the date it is issued. It also removes duplicative language in the provisions governing licensing for micropigmentation and body piercings concerning the use of licensing fees to cover the cost of the department's inspection.

LD 768 An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Licensing of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 237 updates the provision of law governing the licensing of intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, or ICF/IIDs, to establish specific licensing requirements in statute. It codifies existing Department of Health and Human Services rules governing the licensing of ICF/IIDs and updates these licensing standards to align with similar licensing laws. It also amends the provision of law governing the reporting of sentinel events at health care facilities by removing ICF/IIDs from the list of health care facilities that are required to make reports to the department under this provision.

LD 769 An Act Regarding Access to Behavioral Health Supports for Adults with Certain Disabilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 276 amends the law governing access to behavioral health supports for adults with an intellectual disability or autism by replacing a complex multiparty review process with a clinical review requirement. It removes the authority to use restraints on adults except as an emergency short-term step to protect the adult from imminent injury to that adult or others. Blocking and redirection are not considered restraints. The law clarifies the distinctions between positive behavioral health support plans, modifying behavioral health support plans and the use of safety devices and the processes for reviewing and approving each plan and use. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reconvene the interested parties group on adult behavioral regulations that was convened in 2024 prior to rulemaking in order to solicit advice on rules to implement the provisions in the law. The statutory changes are effective April 1, 2026. Plans that are approved prior to April 1, 2026 that include planned restraints to continue the use of those restraints for one year if considered necessary and approved by the department.

Public Law 2025, chapter 276 also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a children's behavioral health supports study to study best practices and consider removing planned restraints for children. The study must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than December 1, 2026, and the committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the study.

LD 800 An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 465 provides ongoing funding of \$50,000 each year to Disability Rights Maine to provide advocacy services to persons with intellectual disabilities.

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LD 802 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Design a Mentoring Program for Youth Who Have Extended Care and Support Agreements with the Department

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 112 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend an existing contract with the Youth Leadership Advisory Team at the University of Southern Maine to evaluate mentoring programs for youth who have extended care and support agreements with the department. The Youth Leadership Advisory Team shall research mentoring programs that are evidence-based and recommend a model to the department. The input of youth who have or have had extended care and support agreements must be specifically included. The department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, no later than January 2, 2027, with recommendations for a mentoring program and the committee is authorized to report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 815 An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 466 provides ongoing funding of \$100,000 per year to the Office of Aging and Disability Services within the Department of Health and Human Services to provide respite care and supplemental services for family caregivers and older relative caregivers.

LD 865 An Act to Require MaineCare to Reimburse for Lactation Services in the Homes of Eligible Persons

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 468 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse under the MaineCare program for lactation services provided in hospitals, homes, clinics, offices, and community locations by lactation consultants certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. The department must apply for a state plan amendment and adopt or amend its rules as necessary.

LD 889 An Act to Clarify the Release of Information by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Law Regarding Automatic Referrals

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 330 allows an individual to opt out of authorizing the release of specific information concerning the individual in the automatic referral process being developed by the Department of Health and Human Services based on the provisions of Public Law 2023, chapter 412. The process is intended to increase the number of individuals served by the department who are referred to, or enrolled in, other income supplementation and assistance programs.

Public Law 2025, chapter 330 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2025.

LD 960 Resolve, to Allow the Placement of Hospitalized Patients in Nursing Facilities in Alternative Locations Under Certain Circumstances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 62 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 67, Nursing Facility Services, to allow for the placement of a MaineCare member, when the member is being discharged from a hospital to a nursing facility, into a nursing facility that is greater than 60 miles from a member's residence. The hospital must attempt to locate a placement within a 60-mile radius and document its efforts and any refusals from facilities, the member must be provided with information on the State's long-term care ombudsman program if the placement is beyond 60 miles and the member must consent to a placement that is beyond 100 miles from the member's residence.

LD 977 Resolve, Requiring the Maine Health Data Organization to Develop a Plan for Measuring Gaps in Home and Community-based Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 113 requires the Maine Health Data Organization to develop a plan for annual measurements of the gap between authorized care and the services actually provided for home and community-based services under the MaineCare program, state-funded programs and the forthcoming lifespan program using existing data. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to provide data to the Maine Health Data Organization upon request. The Maine Health Data Organization must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2026.

LD 979 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 92 authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt its major substantive rule Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, as long as the staffing increases for residential care facilities and memory care units are removed from the rule and the current staffing levels are retained. It requires the rule to include provisions for staffing data to be reported at least quarterly to the department from residential care facilities upon notification by the department that a reporting system has been developed and is ready for data submission. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with monthly averages for the data. The resolve also requires the long-term care ombudsman program to convene a stakeholder group to examine staffing issues at residential care facilities and report its findings in a preliminary and final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Resolve 2025, chapter 92 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2025.

LD 1078 An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 408 provides authority for certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to operate mobile sites within parameters preapproved by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and to provide delivery services of hypodermic apparatuses within a program's service area.

LD 1079 An Act to Provide Comprehensive Perimenopause and Menopause Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 472 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into partnerships with health care providers, community-based health care programs and hospitals to create and disseminate informational materials on the symptoms, processes and issues surrounding perimenopause and menopause. It also provides ongoing funding of \$20,000 per year to support these activities.

LD 1081 An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 149 amends the law governing local offices where a person may apply for general assistance to require each municipality to designate daily hours when an application may be obtained, accepted and processed. These designated hours may not total less than 50% of the municipality's regular business hours. It also changes the information that must be posted at the local offices to reflect this amendment.

LD 1157 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the State's Background Check Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 243 updates certain definitions related to health care service providers and clarifies background check parameters and applicable roles and responsibilities in order to gain Federal Bureau of Investigation approval for the State to effectuate biometric-based background check capability. It clarifies requirements regarding privacy of federal conviction data. It also updates the date that statutory changes take effect to align with the time of functionality of the system.

LD 1243 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Assisted Living Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 307 allows the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a license to an assisted living facility that is applying for another license at the same license level as long as the facility received all municipal approvals and permits and financing approval prior to March 1, 2023 and began construction prior to October 1, 2023. Any violations of quality of care and services or resident rights at the existing facility disqualifies the applicant from being issued a license.

Public Law 2025, chapter 307 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2025.

LD 1326 An Act to Protect the Drinking Water for Consumers of Certain Water Systems by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2024, chapter 425 provides that monitoring and reporting of PFAS compounds and treatment to address maximum contaminant level exceedances must take place in accordance with

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the version of 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141, as promulgated on April 26, 2024. It changes the definition of "regulated PFAS contaminants" to mean those contaminants regulated under 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.61(c)(2), as promulgated on April 26, 2024, and not as superseded by subsequent versions of that federal rule.

It requires all community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems to conduct monitoring of PFAS at detectable levels established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. It requires that public notice of an exceedance must include information identifying each type of PFAS detected in the drinking water, the levels of each type of PFAS detected and the total level of PFAS detected.

LD 1406 An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 240 changes the definitions of "abuse or neglect" and "jeopardy to health or welfare" in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act. It provides that "abuse or neglect" also means serious harm or threat of serious harm by a person responsible for the child due to inadequate care or supervision of the child or deprivation of food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care necessary for the child's health or welfare by that person when that person is financially able to provide food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care necessary for the child's health or welfare or is offered lawful and reasonable financial means or resources to do so.

Public Law 2025, chapter 240 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 1428 An Act to Increase Access to Child Care for Maine Families ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 288 allows a child care facility or family child care provider to operate without an outdoor recreational space as long as an outdoor public recreational space is available within a reasonable distance. It also requires municipalities to allow child care facilities and family child care providers to operate in an area that is zoned for residential purposes.

LD 1469 An Act to Clarify the Quality Rating System for Child Care Services in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 247 specifies that child care providers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the American Montessori Society, the National Association for Family Child Care, the Council on Accreditation or any of their successor organizations, or a Head Start program that meets national Head Start standards, receive the

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highest rating under the child care quality rating system under Department of Health and Human Services rules.

LD 1523 Resolve, to Develop MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 89 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to initiate a rate determination process for developing rates for doula services under the MaineCare program. The department shall establish a doula council to provide advice on issues related to reimbursement, credentialing, recruitment, billing and outreach. The department shall submit a report, no later than February 1, 2027, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters that includes the department's progress on developing rates and recommendations for reimbursement of doula services under the MaineCare program. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1550 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules to Protect Water Quality by Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Septic Systems

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 45 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule governing subsurface wastewater disposal in the following ways.

- 1. It must amend the design standards for disposal fields in a manner that addresses short circuiting by reducing nutrient loading from septic tank effluent through natural processes.
- 2. It must apply the amended design standards only to soil profiles that pose a high risk of short circuiting due to the presence of sand or gravel layers in lower soil horizons or bedrock fractures.
- 3. It must provide that an area of land suitable for the installation of a disposal field may not be rendered unsuitable due to any changes in the rule amended pursuant to the resolve.

LD 1736 An Act to Increase the Supply of Child Care Services Through the Use of Contracts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 323 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to enter into direct contracts with providers of child care to provide child care slots for children under three years of age, children with disabilities and children in

underserved geographic areas. It authorizes the office to use direct contracts to provide child care slots for other categories of children based on priorities identified by the office.

LD 1769 An Act to Ensure Data Reporting for Temporary Nurse Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 346 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters summarizing the annual reports submitted by temporary nurse agencies. It also adds language to the definition of "temporary nurse agency" to include online platforms or marketplaces that advertise for and assist or facilitate placement of temporary nurses, certified nursing assistants or other qualified staffing in an organization within the State. It requires temporary nurse agencies to use the Department of Health and Human Services, Background Check Center for direct access workers. It provides that the department may enter into a consent agreement with an applicant or registrant to resolve any matter arising under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 417, chapter 417-A or chapter 1691 or a rule adopted by the department without further proceedings.

LD 1866 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the State-designated Agency Advocating for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 349 requires that the Department of Health and Human Services contract with an independent agency to provide advocacy services on a statewide basis to individuals with serious mental illness who are residing in those individuals' communities or who are hospitalized. It also prohibits advocates from providing medical advice.

LD 1937 An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance Programs for Medical Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 488 eliminates the existing law that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt guidelines governing charity care and replaces it with a more comprehensive law governing charity care and other financial assistance programs provided by hospitals to patients to cover charges for services provided by that hospital. The law does the following.

1. It requires that hospitals provide charity care or free health care services to patients who are state residents and whose family income is equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

- 2. It establishes requirements with respect to hospital-provided financial assistance programs and specific requirements applying only to charity care that hospitals must follow in accordance with rules adopted by the department concerning the application process, language interpretation, eligibility determinations, notification of eligibility determinations and, in the case of charity care, rights to a hearing following a denial.
- 3. It requires that hospitals widely publicize their financial assistance programs within the community served by the hospital, including by publishing a summary of the programs written in plain language; by providing in conspicuous locations throughout the hospital information as to how patients may access physical copies of the summary, application and application instructions; and by posting a full, accessible and downloadable version of the application on the hospital's publicly accessible website.
- 4. It requires that a hospital provide individual written notice of the availability of charity care to each patient. For inpatient services, the notice must be provided upon admission, or in the case of emergency admission before discharge. For outpatient services, individual notice must be included with the patient's bill or at the time service is provided.
- 5. It requires that a hospital notify a patient who is determined to be eligible for financial assistance if any part of the services provided are not covered by the hospital's financial assistance program. A hospital that fails to provide this notice is prohibited from charging the patient for those services, but is permitted to charge the patient's health insurance carrier for those services.
- 6. It provides that a hospital must offer, for patients with family incomes that do not exceed 400% of the federal poverty level, a hospital must offer a payment plan that requires monthly out-of-pocket payments that do not exceed 4% of the patient's monthly family income that is not exempt from attachment or garnishment under Maine law.
- 7. It requires hospitals to include on a patient's bill information concerning the process for disputing charges.
- 8. It requires that hospitals provide an online option for applying for charity care by July 1, 2028.
- 9. It requires the department to enforce the provisions of this law. The department must establish a process to receive patient complaints for hospital noncompliance, conduct reviews of those complaints and require a corrective action when a hospital is found to be noncompliant.
- 10. It establishes a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for hospitals that knowingly or willfully violate the provisions of this law or engage in a pattern of noncompliance with these provisions.
- 11. It establishes an effective date of July 1, 2026 and requires the department to adopt rules by June 30, 2026 to carry out the purposes of this law.

LD 1938 An Act Regarding the Regulation of Tobacco

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 367 modifies provisions of law governing the regulation of cigarettes and other tobacco products as follows.

- 1. It modifies the provision of law that prohibits smoking in all enclosed areas of public places by eliminating the exception that allows smoking in motel or hotel rooms that are rented to members of the public.
- 2. It prohibits the sale of tobacco products in vending machines.
- 3. It prohibits the giving away of tobacco products by a tobacco retailer or tobacco distributor.
- 4. It increases the penalties for licensing violations for cigarette distributors.
- 5. It changes the definition of "smoking" to include the use of electronic smoking devices; this has the effect of prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices in places of employment and broadens the definition to include the inhalation of natural or synthetic tobacco or other plant products.
- 6. It amends the definition of "electronic smoking device" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22 and Title 36 to remove references to simulating smoking.

Public Law 2025, chapter 367 takes effect January 5, 2026.

LD 1945 An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 255 provides that sexual orientation and gender identity data required to be collected by a health care facility is limited to an individual who is 19 years of age or older, rather than 18 years of age or older. It removes language that describes the data required to be collected.

LD 1946 An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of Certified Recovery Residences for Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Vouchers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 427 provides that individuals residing in certified recovery residences may apply for Bridging Rental Assistance Program housing vouchers, but may not use those vouchers to subsidize the costs of residing at a recovery residence. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services, in adopting rules, to ensure that individuals being released from institutions, individuals being released from incarceration and homeless individuals have priority over individuals residing in recovery residences in the award of program housing vouchers.

LD 1961 An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to the Licensure of Certain Facilities by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 305 amends several provisions related to the licensing and regulation of various medical and social service entities by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Part A of the law amends provisions related to the issuance of conditional licenses to applicants seeking licensure for a personal care agency; a facility for children and adults under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1663; the provision of mental health services; and an agency that provides services to adults with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury. It also amends the law governing licensure for the provision of mental health services to require the department to monitor for compliance every two years, rather than once a year, regardless of the license term. Part A updates terms related to the licensing of health care facilities under Title 22, chapter 405; expands the definition of "facility" under Title 22, Subtitle 6, which concerns facilities for children and adults; clarifies the definition of "independent housing with services program" under the laws governing assisted housing facilities; and removes the requirement that the department must approve any employee assistance program for substance use.

Part B of the law amends the law governing health care facility reporting of sentinel events by clarifying which health care facilities are required to comply with sentinel event reporting requirements; expanding the types of events that must be reported as sentinel events; removing the requirement to report a so-called near miss where a sentinel event almost occurred; and making other changes and clarifications with respect to the reporting and review process.

Part C of the law amends the provisions of law governing the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers to resolve conflicts created by the concurrent passage of Public Law 2023, chapter 241 and Public Law 2023, chapter 309.