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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am pleased to provide the Department of Health and Human Services' Rulemaking Report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2026, submitted in accordance with Public Law 2003, chapter 689, Part A, §A-2.

This report summarizes the Department's adopted and proposed rulemaking activity during the reporting period using information maintained by the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Department's rulemaking activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sara Gagné-Holmes", is written over the typed name.

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cc: Governor's Office

DHHS Quarterly Report on Rulemaking

**Submitted to the
Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services**

(Pursuant to P.L. 2003 Chapter 689, Part A § A-2)

P.L. 2003, ch. 689, Part A § A-2, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit quarterly reports on rulemaking, pursuant to:

“Sec. A-2. Quarterly report; rulemaking. Beginning October 1, 2004, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall provide the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with a quarterly report that summarizes rule—making activity of the Department of Health and Human Services.”

The intent of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (A.P.A.), [5 M.R.S. ch 375](#), is to improve public access to agency decision-making and to increase awareness of agency rules. In Maine, the Administrative Procedure Act was adopted at the First Session of the 108th Legislature, with some amendments since. It applies uniform requirements to state agencies which have rulemaking power, and sets minimum standards for agencies to follow in adopting and implementing rules. Very generally, the A.P.A. establishes a uniform, comprehensive set of procedures covering:

- The administrative actions of state agencies, including rulemaking, advisory rulings, adjudicatory proceedings, and licensing; and
- Judicial review of those actions.

We have based our report on the format used by the Secretary of State's Office, Bureau of Corporations, Elections, and Commissions, to tally rules that are adopted, and separately those that are proposed, for the Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to the “subject matter” noted in the right-most column, additional summary statements for each of these rules are filed as paper-copy “basis statements” in the office of the Secretary of State's APA Coordinator and are available for review.

Rules adopted by DHHS in the fourth quarter FY 2026:

Effective Date (may have been published later)	Citation/ Adopted Rule Number	Adopted by DHHS in the fourth quarter – FY 2026	TYPE OF RULE	CHAPTER NUMBER & TITLE
4-5-26	10-144 2026-075	Office for Family Independence	Amend.	Ch. 301; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Rules Sections 111-2 and 444-4 SNAP Rule #241A - Noncitizen Updates www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
4-14-26	10-144 2026-087	Office of MaineCare Services	New	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Ch. 1, Sec. 7, Children's Behavioral Health Services Global Rule www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules

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4-28-26	10-144 2026-092	Office of MaineCare Services	Amend.	Ch 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual (“MBM”), Chapter II, Section 66, Crisis Services www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules
4-28-26	10-144 2026-093 10-144 2026-096	Office of MaineCare Services	Amend.	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual (“MBM”), Chapter II, Section 13, Targeted Case Management Services Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter III, Section 13, Targeted Case Management Services www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules
4-28-26	10-144 2026-094	Office of MaineCare Services	Amend.	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter II, Section 97 Private Non-Medical Institution Services www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules
4-28-26	10-144/ 2026-095 10-144/ 2026-097	Office of MaineCare Services	Amend. / Repeal	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter II, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services (Amend) Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services (Repeal) www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules
4-29-26	10-144 2026-099 10-144 2026-100	Office of MaineCare Services	Amend. / Repeal	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter II, Section 92, Behavioral Health Home Services (Amend) Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter III, Section 92, Principles of Reimbursement for Behavioral Health Home Services (Repeal) www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules

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4-29-26	10-144 2026-101 10-144 2026-102 10-144 2026-103	Office of MaineCare Services	New / Repeal	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter II, Section 28, Adaptive Behavior Services for Children (New) Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter II, Section 28, Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Functional Limitations (Repeal) Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapter III, Section 28, Allowances for Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Functional Limitations and Cognitive Impairments www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
5-17-26	10-144 2026-114	Office for Family Independence	New	Ch. 303, SupportLink Program Rule #1 www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
5-17-26	10-144 2026-115	Office for Family Independence	Amend.	Ch. 301, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Rules (Section 999-3 SNAP Rule #244 – FFY 26 Budgeting Figures and FPL Updates) www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
5-25-26	10-144 2026-118	Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Amend.	Ch. 261, Immunization Requirements for School Children. www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/rules/maine-cdc-rules.shtml
6-28-26	10-144 2026-133	Office for Family Independence	Amend.	Ch. 301, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Rules (Sections 222-5, 666-6, 666-9, and 999-1 SNAP Rule #245A - Verification Updates) www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml

Rules proposed by DHHS in the fourth quarter FY 2026:

DATE	PROPOSED RULE NUMBER	Rules <i>proposed</i> by DHHS in the fourth quarter FY 2026	CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE
4-29-26	2026-P094	Office for Family Independence	Ch. 301, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Rules; (Sections 222-5, 666-6, 666-9, and 999-1; SNAP Rule #245P – Verification Updates) www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
5-6-26	2026-P121	Office for Family Independence	Ch. 331, Public Assistance Manual Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (Maximum Benefit and Standard of Need Chart TANF Rule #127 – COLA Updates) www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
5-27-26	2026-P144	Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Ch. 1, Water System Operators Licensing Rule www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/rules/maine-cdc-rules.shtml
5-27-26	2026-P145	Office for Family Independence	Ch. 301, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Rules; (Section 111-2, SNAP Rule #246 – Special Immigrant Juveniles) www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
6-17-26	2026-P154	Office for Family Independence	Ch. 301, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Rules; (Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8; SNAP E&T #9 – Participant Supports Update) www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml