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## **Resolve, To Preserve Patient Records**

**Sec. 1 Rules. Resolved:** That no later than January 1, 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the rules regarding licensing for general and specialty hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities to require that hospitals and facilities that record images of a patient using x rays, magnetic resonance imaging or computerized tomography provide notice of intent to destroy or purge those images. The rules must provide that the hospital or facility may provide the required notice through publication in a newspaper that has broad general circulation in the region served by the hospital or facility or directly to the patient prior to or after taking the image. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.