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An Act To Amend the Organization of the Quality Assurance Review Committee

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5107-I, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 362, §1, is amended to read:

~~An agency that contracts to provide home care coordination for the~~The department shall establish a quality assurance review committee, referred to in this section as the "committee," to review the provision of home care coordination services for long-term services and supports for elders and adults with disabilities. The committee membership must include consumers of home care services; representatives of consumers; consumer advocates, including the long-term care ombudsman program; health care and service providers; representatives from each area agency on aging; and staff of ~~the~~each agency that ~~contracts to provide~~provides home care coordination services. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters may make recommendations to the ~~contracting agency~~department regarding committee membership.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5107-I, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 362, §1, is amended to read:

4. Annual report. By January 1st each year, the committee shall report to ~~the department, the Long-term Care Implementation Committee established pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part BBBB, section 15~~ and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters concerning the committee's work during the year, any specific findings or recommendations regarding the duties imposed in subsection 2 and the actions taken to resolve problems.

SUMMARY

This bill gives the Department of Health and Human Services the duty to establish a statewide quality assurance review committee to review the provision of home care coordination services for long-term services and supports for elders and adults with disabilities. Previously, an agency that contracted to provide home care coordination services for the department was required to establish the committee. This bill also eliminates the requirement that the committee annually report to the department, and eliminates a reference to the Long-term Care Implementation Committee, which was repealed in 2003.