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An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-AAA, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 421, §1, is amended to read:

1. Reimbursement. The department shall reimburse under the MaineCare program for all chiropractic evaluation and management examinations services performed by a chiropractic doctor licensed under Title 32, chapter 9 that are within the scope of practice of chiropractic doctors. This subsection does not limit reimbursements under the MaineCare program that may be available for other ~~chiropractic services~~ or affect any limits that may apply to reimbursements such as limits relating to numbers of visits.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-AAA, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 454, §1, is reallocated to 22 MRSA §3174-BBB.

§ 3174-BBB. Reimbursement for days awaiting placement; reimbursement for hospitals other than critical access hospitals

Beginning January 1, 2019, the department shall provide reimbursement to hospitals other than critical access hospitals for each day after the 10th day that a MaineCare-eligible individual is in the care of a hospital while awaiting placement in a nursing facility. The department shall reimburse hospitals prospectively at the statewide average rate per MaineCare member day for nursing facility services. The department shall compute the statewide average rate per MaineCare member day based on the simple average of the nursing facility rate per MaineCare member day for the applicable state fiscal year or years prorated for the hospital's fiscal year. Reimbursement for days awaiting placement pursuant to this section is limited to a maximum of \$500,000 of combined General Fund funds and federal funds for each year. For purposes of this section, "critical access hospital" has the same meaning as in section 7932, subsection 10.

This section is repealed December 31, 2023.

SUMMARY

This bill requires all chiropractic services that are within the scope of practice of chiropractic doctors and performed by a licensed chiropractic doctor to be reimbursed under the MaineCare program. Under current law, the Department of Health and Human Services is required to reimburse for only chiropractic evaluation and management examinations.

The bill also corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2017, chapters 421 and 454, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.