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An Act To Require MaineCare Coverage for Ostomy Equipment

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-FFF** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-FFF. Ostomy equipment reimbursement**

4 The department shall reimburse under the MaineCare program for ostomy equipment
5 and supplies without prior authorization or limitation when that equipment or those
6 supplies have been prescribed or recommended by a physician licensed under Title 32,
7 chapter 36 or 48. The department shall reimburse at no less than the cost of the equipment
8 being provided. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted
9 pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, Chapter 375,
10 subchapter 2-A.

11 **Sec. 2. Ostomy equipment reimbursement rules.** By January 1, 2022, the
12 Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules to implement the Maine
13 Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-FFF. The department shall reimburse at no less
14 than the cost of the equipment being provided.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the MaineCare program to reimburse for ostomy equipment and
17 supplies without prior authorization or limitation when recommended or prescribed by a
18 physician. The reimbursement rate must be no less than the cost of the equipment. The
19 Department of Health and Human Services is required to adopt implementing rules no later
20 than January 1, 2022.