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H.P. 475

House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

### **An Act to Improve Access to Specialty Health Care Providers by Reducing Copayments**

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Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRS §4303, sub-§25** is enacted to read:

3 **25. Copayments.** A carrier offering a health plan in this State is subject to the  
4 following requirements with respect to the copayment for a health care service rendered by  
5 a health care provider other than a primary care provider.

6 A. The copayment may not be less than a copayment for primary care services.

7 B. The copayment amount may not be more than 50% of the allowed amount under a  
8 carrier's health plan for that health care service.

9 **Sec. 2. Application.** The requirements of this Act apply to all health plan policies,  
10 contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in  
11 this State on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all policies, contracts and  
12 certificates are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the  
13 contract date.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill limits the amount of the copayment that carriers offering health plans in this  
16 State may impose for a health care service rendered by a health care provider, other than a  
17 primary care provider, to no less than the copayment for primary care services and to no  
18 more than 50% of the allowed amount under a carrier's health plan for that health care  
19 service. The requirements apply to health plans beginning on or after January 1, 2024.