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House of Representatives, March 2, 2017

### **An Act To Clarify Insurance Coverage in School-based Health Centers**

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Reference to the Committee on 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 BROOKS of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Representative: McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4316-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§4316-A. Coverage of services provided by federally qualified health center in**  
4 **schools**

5 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
6 **following terms have the following meanings.**

7 **A. "Federally qualified health center" means a center that provides preventive**  
8 **primary health care services and is receiving a grant under Section 330 of the federal**  
9 **Public Health Service Act, 42 United States Code, Section 254b.**

10 **B. "School-based health center" is a facility located in a school building or on school**  
11 **grounds in this State that provides comprehensive primary health care services.**

12 **2. Coverage.** A carrier offering a health plan in this State may not deny coverage on  
13 **the basis that the coverage is delivered in a school-based health center operating under a**  
14 **contract with a federally qualified health center if the health care service would be**  
15 **covered if it were provided in the federally qualified health center. Coverage for health**  
16 **care services provided in a school-based health center must be determined in a manner**  
17 **consistent with coverage for health care services provided in a federally qualified health**  
18 **center. A carrier may offer a health plan containing a provision for a deductible,**  
19 **copayment or coinsurance requirement for a health care service provided in a school-**  
20 **based health center as long as the deductible, copayment or coinsurance does not exceed**  
21 **the deductible, copayment or coinsurance applicable to services provided in a federally**  
22 **qualified health center.**

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill prohibits health insurance carriers from denying coverage for services  
25 delivered in a school setting under a contract with a federally qualified health center if the  
26 same services would be covered if provided at the federally qualified health center.