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House of Representatives, March 2, 2023

**An Act to Allow Pharmacists to Provide Services Through  
Telehealth and Vending Machines at Federally Qualified Health  
Centers**

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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 PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DAVIS of East Machias, MADIGAN of Waterville,  
MORRIS of Turner, ROEDER of Bangor, STROUT of Harrington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13849**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §19, is repealed  
3 and the following enacted in its place:

4 **§13849. Telehealth services permitted**

5 **1. Telehealth services permitted.** A person licensed under this chapter may provide  
6 telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's  
7 license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter  
8 and in accordance with standards of practice.

9 **2. Remote dispensing at federally qualified health center.** Notwithstanding the  
10 requirements of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a pharmacist  
11 licensed under this chapter or a pharmacist who holds an active license in good standing in  
12 another state may provide telehealth services for a patient of a federally qualified health  
13 center in this State, including without limitation the delivery of such services by means of  
14 a pharmaceutical vending machine located at a federally qualified health center and  
15 operated in conjunction with counseling and dispensing services provided by the  
16 pharmacist.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill authorizes a pharmacist licensed in this State or licensed in another state to  
19 provide telehealth services for patients of a federally qualified health center in this State,  
20 including delivering those services through a pharmaceutical vending machine located at  
21 the health center.