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An Act to Require Lyme Disease Vaccine Coverage for State-regulated Health Plans

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and
Senators: BAILEY of York, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: DILL
of Old Town, DOUDERA of Camden, LANDRY of Farmington, MILLETT of Cape
Elizabeth, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-V** is enacted to read:

3 **§4320-V. Coverage for Lyme disease vaccines**

4 **1. Lyme disease defined.** For the purposes of this section, unless the context
5 otherwise indicates, "Lyme disease" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 3282-B,
6 subsection 1, paragraph B.

7 **2. Immunization; Lyme disease vaccines.** A carrier shall provide coverage for Lyme
8 disease vaccines as follows.

9 A. A carrier shall provide coverage for any Lyme disease vaccine licensed or
10 authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration that is recommended
11 by a health care provider for administration to an enrollee.

12 B. A carrier may not impose any deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-
13 sharing requirement for the cost of Lyme disease vaccines, including all associated
14 costs of administration.

15 C. A carrier may not make coverage without cost sharing as required by paragraph B
16 dependent on any prior authorization requirement.

17 D. A carrier may not make coverage without cost sharing as required by paragraph B
18 dependent on the use of a provider in a carrier's network unless an enrollee is offered
19 immunization by a network provider without additional delay and the enrollee chooses
20 instead to obtain immunization from an out-of-network provider.

21 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to all policies, contracts and certificates
22 executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after
23 January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later
24 than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for
27 vaccines for Lyme disease authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration. The
28 requirements of the bill apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.