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LD 995

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee. My name is Janet LeBlanc, from Waterville, ME. Please support LD 995.

To ask for and receive a second opinion on any type of surgery provides for a better informed decision. Health Care providers are human beings who can see things differently, or one might know of another way to solve the issue. Abortion is an elective surgery which might be able to be avoided. Receiving a second opinion, places the best interest of the patient a priority. Additional test and alternatives to abortion for which should be paid. Health Insurance companies should pay for the second .

Often when someone visits her healthcare provider all of the information isn't remembered. Having the legal information about a second opinion given in writing ensure good communication between the provider and the patient.

Many health insurance plans cover second opinions for major health diagnoses. Adding a second opinion for an abortion to the coverage shouldn't be an issue.

A second opinion may offer alternatives to abortion the first healthcare provider hadn't considered. A second opinion can be easily added to insurance plans because many already cover a major health diagnose. Giving the patient material regarding a second opinion in writing ensures good communication between healthcare provider and patient. Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 995.

Thank you