



**Maine Medical
Association**



**TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,
THE MAINE OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION
AND
THE MAINE ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES**

Neither For Nor Against

LD 742 An Act to Permit Telehealth Services Across State Lines Following Referral from a
Primary Care Provider Based in the State

Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services
Room 220, Cross Building, Augusta, Maine
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Good Afternoon, Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services. My name is Anne Sedlack, and I am the Director of Advocacy at the Maine Medical Association. I am submitting this testimony neither for nor against LD 742, An Act to Permit Telehealth Services Across State Lines Following Referral from a Primary Care Provider Based in the State.

The Maine Medical Association (MMA) is a professional organization representing more than 4,000 physicians, residents, and medical students in Maine. MMA's mission is to support Maine physicians, advance the quality of medicine in Maine, and promote the health of all Maine people. The Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA) is a professional organization representing more than 1,200 osteopathic physicians, residents, and medical students in Maine whose mission is to serve the Osteopathic profession of the State of Maine through a coordinated effort of professional education, advocacy, and member services in order to ensure the availability of quality osteopathic health care to the people of this State. Maine Academy of PA's (MEAPA) is a non-profit that represents the over 1,000 PAs practicing in Maine.

We have joined to advocate with one voice to testify, neither for nor against LD 742. Our Associations have long been proponents of telehealth services and easily accessible healthcare, but do not believe this bill is necessary.

The existing statutes and regulations are sufficient to ensure equitable healthcare access to all people. For example, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation's Chapter

11, Joint Rule Regarding Telehealth Standards of Practice, a joint rule with the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Board of Osteopathic Licensure, and State Board of Nursing.¹ Physician Associates fall under the jurisdiction of either the Board of Licensure in Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Licensure. Under these rules, Physicians and Physician Associates can only practice telehealth in Maine with an active Maine license or registration to provide interstate consultative telemedicine services.

Out-of-state clinicians can work with the Boards to obtain privileges to provide care for people in Maine.

Thank you for considering the thoughts of Maine's physicians and public health community about LD 742.

Thank you,

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¹<https://www.maine.gov/md/sites/maine.gov.md/files/inline-files/Chapter%2011%20Telehealth%20Standards%20of%20Practice.pdf>