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In Regard to L.D. 1878 – “An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services”

To the Health and Human Services Committee, Maine Legislature
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Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Ryan Gallant, and I am the owner of Gallant Therapy Services, which currently provides occupational and speech therapy services to over 1,000 families across the state of Maine. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding L.D. 1878, “An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services.”

At Gallant Therapy Services, we support thoughtful reform that improves access to high-quality care and ensures the long-term sustainability of MaineCare. Our team is committed to meeting the needs of children and families throughout the state, often in rural and underserved communities.

At this time, our primary concern with the proposed managed care model is the potential for increased administrative burden on providers. As you know, small- to mid-sized outpatient clinics are already navigating a complex and challenging healthcare climate—balancing stagnant reimbursement rates with rising operational costs and staff shortages. Additional reporting requirements, delays in authorizations, or new billing systems could unintentionally create barriers to care and reduce provider participation in the MaineCare system.

If this bill moves forward, we urge you to consider built-in safeguards that will minimize administrative strain, ensure timely reimbursement, and involve providers in the implementation process. Our shared goal should be to improve efficiency and care coordination without adding layers of red tape that hinder service delivery.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and for your ongoing support of Maine’s healthcare providers and families.

Sincerely,
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