



**Testimony in Opposition to**  
**LD 1878, An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services**

HCIFS Committee, May 12, 2025

Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and Honorable Members of the HCIFS Committee:

My name is Jen Corbeil and I am the Payment and Policy Chair for the Maine Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association ("MEAPTA"). I am a pediatric physical therapist who resides in Eliot and provides early intervention services (birth to 3 years old) in Southern York County.

The Maine APTA represents over 2500 physical therapists (PTs), physical therapist assistants (PTAs) and students in Maine. We are opposed to LD 1878, An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services for the following reasons:

- This bill may impact access for services for our most vulnerable in the State by adding increased administrative burden to providers.
- Managed Care Organizations are tasked with controlling costs and in our experience that equates to denying services.
- Providers spend hours of time obtaining authorizations, fighting denials and communicating with Managed Care Organizations that Commercial insurances currently use. Many providers experience a lack of communication between the payer and the Managed Care organization requiring them to make multiple calls just to provide services to those that need them.
- Providers in Maine cannot afford this additional administrative burden and are at risk of closure. Closing practices decreases access to patients.
- We have communicated with other states that have had their Medicaid system move to a Managed Care Organization and there experiences have led to them having to limit the number of Medicaid patients they can work with.

**In summary, this bill will add administrative burden and therefore increased costs to practices that cannot afford it. This will decrease access for our most vulnerable populations. Please vote “Ought NOT to Pass” on LD 1878.**

We will be happy to provide more information or connect you with a PT constituent in your district before the work session if you would like.

Thank you,

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