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**TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION and
THE MAINE OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION**

In Opposition To

[LD 2177](#) - An Act to Update and Improve the MaineCare Reimbursement System

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
Room 209, Cross Building, Augusta, Maine
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Good Morning, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. My name is Anne Sedlack, and I am the Director of Advocacy at the Maine Medical Association. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to [LD 2177](#) - An Act to Update and Improve the MaineCare Reimbursement System, on behalf of the Maine Medical Association and Maine Osteopathic Association.

The Maine Medical Association (MMA) is a professional organization representing over 4,300 allopathic and osteopathic 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.

We believe this bill would create significant uncertainty for physicians and other MaineCare providers by allowing the Department of Health and Human Services to adjust payment rates without rulemaking and comment, or a clearly defined opportunity for appeal. This would permit reimbursement changes to occur with little transparency or advance notice, making it difficult for physician practices to plan, budget, and sustain services for MaineCare patients.

Further, the bill's broad exemption from existing rate reform protections for federally driven changes or legislative actions to address projected budget shortfalls is particularly concerning, as it could position provider rate reductions as a primary tool for closing

funding gaps. This instability threatens the financial predictability on which physician practices rely and ultimately puts continued access to care for MaineCare patients at risk.

Thank you for considering the thoughts of Maine's physicians, and we hope you oppose LD 2177.

Thank you,

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