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**LD 1858 An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring
 MaineCare Coverage**

**Testimony in Support
 May 8, 2023**

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer and members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Lisa Harvey-McPherson RN. I am here today providing testimony on behalf of Northern Light Health and our member organizations speaking in support of this bill. Northern Light Health member organizations include 10 hospitals located in southern, central, eastern and northern Maine, 8 nursing facilities, air and ground ambulance, behavioral health, addiction treatment, pharmacy, primary and specialty care practices and a state-wide home care and hospice program. Ninety three percent of Maine’s population lives in the Northern Light Health service area. Northern Light Health is also proud to be one of Maine’s largest employers with more than 10,000 employees statewide.

Northern Light Health provides comprehensive women’s health services including obstetrical and gynecological care. Northern Light Health birthing locations include A.R. Gould Hospital, Maine Coast Hospital, Eastern Maine Medical Center, Mayo Hospital, Inland Hospital and Mercy Hospital. To assist women and families prepare for pregnancy and childbirth we have a Northern Light Women’s Health Patient Guidebook available on our website providing comprehensive information on prenatal care, delivery and postnatal care. The guidebook includes general insurance information that most insurance plans have global maternity fees, circumcision is not identified as a covered service in the global fee. We advise women to discuss circumcision with their provider and we also ask women to identify in the birthing check list if they want the baby boy to be circumcised. We also advise women that once they give birth the newborn will automatically be eligible for coverage from the insurance provider under HIPPA and they need to notify the insurance company within 30 days to enroll the child in the family plan. <https://user-zmtipvy.cld.bz/Pregnancy-and-Birthing-Guide/20/>

Northern Light Health Births per Year

2020	2021	2022
2816 Babies	2905 Babies	2770 Babies
1382 Male	1499 Male	1409 Male

Average Births Per Year = 2830
 Average % Male Per Year = 50.52%