



Maine Legislators,

Durable medical equipment suppliers of Maine are writing to respectfully ask Maine legislators to support **L.D.145, which will exempt certain prescribed (DMEPOS) home medical equipment and supplies from sales tax.**

Passage of this bill will provide better access to products and services to patients who rely on medical equipment to live their daily lives. Access to quality durable medical equipment allows patients to heal in the comforts of their own home while freeing up hospital beds and significantly reduces expenses incurred during a hospital stay or skilled nursing facility.

DMEPOS includes, but is not limited to, home oxygen, ventilators, wheelchairs, cpap devices, hospital beds, custom wheelchairs, breast pumps, and orthotics and prosthetics.

Individual payers do not typically reimburse medical equipment suppliers for sales tax. Suppliers are either absorbing sales tax for DMEPOS or passing that expense onto the patients.

The following states generally exempt medical devices from tax when they are sold on a written order (prescription) provided by an individual who is required to hold, and actively holds, a state license (physician, therapist, etc.): Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia.

We ask for your support for L.D. 145 so those who rely on this necessary equipment can continue to live and heal in the comfort of their homes.

We greatly appreciate your support.

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