

Proposed Amendment Language Palliative Care Language

Whereas PL 2021, ch 438 became law in 2021 directing the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for palliative care for the entire interdisciplinary team as appropriate to the plan of care, regardless of setting, including hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics and home care providers.

Whereas the Department of Health and Human Services is required to adopt rules regarding palliative care including but not limited to reimbursement policies and quality control measures that ensure and promote high-value palliative care under the MaineCare program.

Furthermore The department shall use national standards for quality palliative care in the development of the routine technical rules

Therefore the Department of Health and Human Services shall publish a MaineCare final rule for palliative care for the entire interdisciplinary team as appropriate to the plan of care, regardless of setting, including hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics and home care providers by December 31, 2025.

Summary

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to publish a MaineCare final rule for palliative care interdisciplinary reimbursement by December 31, 2025