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From: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director, Maine Health Data Organization

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RE: LD 1663, *An Act Relating to Health Care Transparency and the Maine Health Data Organization*

The substance of LD 1663, *An Act Relating to Health Care Transparency and the Maine Health Data Organization*, as currently drafted, is not necessary as it replicates the language and authority in MHDO's governing statute, Title 22, Chapter 1683, **§8712. 2. Payments.**

"The organization shall create a publicly accessible interactive website that presents reports related to payments for services rendered by health care facilities and practitioners to residents of the State. The services presented must include, but not be limited to, imaging, preventative health, radiology, surgical services, ambulance services, comparable health care services as defined in Title 24-A, section 4318-A, subsection 1, paragraph A and other services that are predominantly elective and may be provided to a large number of patients who do not have health insurance or are underinsured. The website must also be constructed to display prices paid by individual commercial health insurance companies, 3rd-party administrators and, unless prohibited by federal law, governmental payors. Beginning October 1, 2012, price information posted on the website must be posted semiannually and beginning October 1, 2022 must be posted annually, must display the date of posting and, when posted, must be current to within 12 months of the date of submission of the information. Payment reports and price information posted on the website must include data submitted by payors with regard to all health care facilities and practitioners that provide comparable health care services as defined in Title 24-A, section 4318-A, subsection 1, paragraph A or services for which the organization reports data pertaining to the statewide average price pursuant to this subsection or Title 24-A, section .



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4318-B. Upon notice made by a health care facility or practitioner that data posted by the organization pertaining to that facility or practitioner is inaccurate or incomplete, the organization shall remedy the inaccurate or incomplete data within the earlier of 30 days of receipt of the notice and the next posting date.”

To date, the payment data on CompareMaine is from the Maine Health Data Organization’s All-Payer Claims Data (APCD) and represents claims data submitted by commercial payors. MHDO is in the process of planning for our next release of CompareMaine, which is scheduled for the first quarter of 2026, and as part of that plan, we intend to include MaineCare’s provider fee schedule (publicly posted on the MaineCare Services website, here:

<https://mainecare.maine.gov/Provider%20Fee%20Schedules/Forms/Publication.aspx>

MHDO makes every effort to provide accurate information on CompareMaine. Healthcare settings and commercial payors included on CompareMaine are sent their payment data to review for accuracy before we release each annual update. The feedback that we have received over the years from these parties, as well as committee members and the public, has helped us make refinements in our methodology and language where needed.

As I have proudly reported, whenever given the chance, CompareMaine is recognized nationally as being one of the best price transparency websites in the country for various reasons, including robust content and a consumer-friendly format. More important than national recognition is the credibility that we have earned in our State with the many entities (healthcare providers and commercial payors) that we report payment and quality data on.

There will always be opportunities to improve and enhance the work we do to promote the transparency of healthcare costs and quality data. As this committee knows, our healthcare system is complex and dynamic, so is translating millions of claims data points into an accurate and consumer-friendly website. I am confident that with the ongoing support and guidance from the MHDO board of directors, this committee, stakeholders, and consumers, CompareMaine will continue to evolve with time and experience.

I am available to answer any specific questions you may have about CompareMaine.

Thank you. Karynlee