**§3174-II. Relationship to federal Medicare program**

**1. Authorization.**  To the extent permitted by federal law, with regard to the Medicare Part D benefit established in the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, the department may:

A. Serve as an authorized representative for MaineCare members for the purpose of enrollment into a Medicare Part D plan; [PL 2005, c. 401, Pt. B, §1 (NEW).]

B. Apply for Medicare Part D benefits and subsidies on behalf of MaineCare members; [PL 2005, c. 401, Pt. B, §1 (NEW).]

C. Establish rules by which MaineCare members may opt out of the procedures under paragraphs A and B; [PL 2005, c. 401, Pt. B, §1 (NEW).]

D. At its discretion, file exceptions and appeals on behalf of MaineCare members who are beneficiaries under Medicare Part D. The department may identify a designee for this function; and [PL 2005, c. 401, Pt. B, §1 (NEW).]

E. Identify objective criteria for evaluating Medicare Part D plans for the purposes of assisting or enrolling MaineCare members in Medicare Part D plans. [PL 2005, c. 401, Pt. B, §1 (NEW).]

***Revisor's Note:*** §3174-II. MaineCare Stabilization Fund (As enacted by PL 2005, c. 457, Pt. JJJ, §1 is REALLOCATED TO TITLE 22, SECTION 3174-KK)

[PL 2005, c. 401, Pt. B, §1 (NEW).]

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