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February 18, 2021

Senator Heather Sanborn, Chair
Representative Denise Tepler, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0100

Re: L.D. 254: An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services

Dear Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler, and Members of the Committee:

The Bureau of Insurance takes no position on LD 254. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with background information. This bill would require health insurance coverage of certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs).

Beginning in 2014, states were required to defray the costs of all mandates adopted after December 31, 2011 that are included in Qualified Health Plans, unless those mandates were already required as part of the essential benefit package. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) does not consider provider mandates as an additional mandate that requires the cost to be defrayed.¹

Title 24-A MRSA § 2752 provides for a review and evaluation of a mandated benefit proposal including provider mandates by the Bureau of Insurance before the bill may be enacted. These reviews include an evaluation of the financial impact, social impact and medical efficacy of the mandate. If a report is required it could cost the Bureau up to \$13,500 for outside contract consulting work plus staff time, estimated at a cost of \$1,600 to collect information, review consultant work, and prepare the final report. We anticipate that current resources will allow us to conduct up to two studies during the current session, and we will need eight weeks for each report to ensure a high-quality evaluation.

¹ See 45 CFR § 155.170, implementing ACA § 1311(d)(3)(B).



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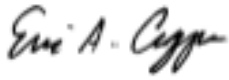
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I hope this information is useful to the Committee. Please let me know if I can provide any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric A. Cioppa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric A. Cioppa
Superintendent

cc: Representative Perry, Sponsor