

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
130th LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION
MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PROPOSALS
PRIORITY WORKSHEET**

LD #	TITLE	SUMMARY & APPLICATION	COMMENTS	COMMITTEE DECISION
LD 441	An Act To Expand Adult Dental Health Insurance Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part A of the bill requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for comprehensive dental services • Applies to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022 • Part B of the bill requires the Maine Health Data Organization to develop and maintain a database of dentists providing dental care to MaineCare members, including children, and to post that information on a publicly accessible website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pediatric dental benefits are required to be included in essential health benefits package under the ACA • Consider that dental coverage is already available as standalone coverage? • Consider potential costs to State for defraying costs of benefits beyond EHB? Because bill adds a specific requirement for coverage, the State may be required to defray any additional subsidy costs for qualified health plans • Consider financial impact on premiums and impact on costs to State Employee Health Plan? • Consider effective date of 1/1/23? • <i>HCIFS Committee considered similar proposal in 129th Legislature as LD 519; majority of committee recommended that bill be amended to require BOI to conduct mandate review [reported out but not considered]</i> • Consider Part B separately as it does not relate to private coverage? 	
LD 599	An Act to Require Coverage for Certain Ultrasound Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires insurance carriers to provide coverage in health plans for ultrasound services when a provider considers the procedure necessary during a physical or a preventive exam. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor indicated at hearing that intent focused on coverage for ultrasound exam recommended following mammogram. Current law provides coverage for screening mammogram, including additional radiologic procedure 	

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			<p>recommended by provider when initial results are not definitive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider amending language to focus on sponsor’s intent? • As drafted, language requires coverage “when a provider considers the procedure necessary”. Carriers generally cover medically necessary ultrasound exams • Is issue extent to which cost-sharing or deductible applies to services? • Consider potential costs to State for defraying costs of benefits beyond EHB? Because bill adds a specific requirement for coverage, the State may be required to defray any additional subsidy costs for qualified health plans • Consider financial impact on premiums and impact on costs to State Employee Health Plan? • Consider adding specific application date? 	
LD 600	An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires insurance coverage for services performed by certified midwives • Applies to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after October 1, 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under current law, services of certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives are covered when the services are covered services and within scope of practice • As drafted, bill adds certified midwives to those existing provisions 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the ACA, mandated provider laws are not considered additions to essential benefits that would require the State to defray any additional costs • ACA also prohibits discrimination against a provider based on a provider’s license or certification, to the extent the provider is acting within the scope of the provider’s license or certification under applicable state law. This provision does not require carriers to accept all types of providers into a network or govern specific reimbursement rates • As drafted, bill applies to those policies issued or renewed on or after October 1, 2021. Consider application date of January 1, 2021? 	
LD 665	An Act to Promote Better Dental Care for Cancer Survivors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a health plan to include medically necessary dental procedures that are the direct or indirect result of cancer treatments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider amending to include dental treatment needed before starting cancer treatment? Testimony suggested that is a gap that needs to be addressed. As drafted, language would suggested requirements apply after receiving cancer treatment • Consider to what extent coverage is available under dental insurance policies? • Consider potential costs to State for defraying costs of benefits 	

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			beyond EHB? Because bill adds a specific requirement for coverage, the State may be required to defray any additional subsidy costs for qualified health plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider financial impact on premiums and impact on costs to State Employee Health Plan? • Consider adding specific application date? 	
LD 922	An Act to Help Cancer Patients with Fertility Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires insurance carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for fertility preservation services when necessary cancer treatment may directly or indirectly cause infertility • Applies to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022. 	<i>No public hearing scheduled; date TBA</i>	
LD 1003	An Act to Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the requirements in current law for coverage of prosthetic devices to clarify that coverage must be provided by health insurance carriers for the prosthetic device determined by the enrollee's provider to adequately meet the recreational needs of an enrollee as well as the medical needs of an enrollee • Applies to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022. 	<i>Public hearing scheduled for April 8</i>	
LD 1115	An Act to Improve Access to HIV Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that any drug formulary used in the MaineCare program must ensure that HIV prevention drugs are available to members covered by MaineCare. 	<i>Public hearing scheduled for April 8</i>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for an enrollee for HIV prevention drugs that have been determined to be medically necessary by a health care provider. • If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of an HIV prevention drug, a carrier is not required to cover all of the therapeutically equivalent drugs as long as the carrier covers at least one therapeutically equivalent drug at the tier with the lowest cost-sharing requirement on the carrier's prescription drug formulary. • Prohibits a carrier from imposing prior authorization or step therapy requirements on any HIV prevention drug, except that, if the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of an HIV prevention drug, a carrier is required to cover at least one therapeutically equivalent drug without prior authorization or step therapy requirements. • Requirements with regard to health insurance carriers apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022 • Authorizes a pharmacist to dispense HIV prevention drugs under certain conditions without a prescription subject to rules for dispensing and protocols 		

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		adopted by the Maine Board of Pharmacy.		
<i>Additional LRs identified as potential mandated insurance benefit based on working title only</i>				
LR 884	An Act to Provide Access to Fertility Care			
LR 888	An Act to Require Private Insurance Coverage for Maternity and Postpartum Care			
LR 1116	An Act to Improve Access to Long-acting Injectable Medication			
LR 1704	An Act to Provide Greater Access to Treatment for Serious Mental Illness			