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Senator Heather Sanborn, Chair
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Re: LD 1115 – An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications

Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler, Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services

The Department of Health and Human Services provides the following information for your consideration related to LD 1115, *An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications*.

First, from the Office of MaineCare Services, MaineCare (Maine's Medicaid program) already covers two pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medications and they do not require prior authorization. They are preferred drugs for MaineCare members.

Second, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention firmly believes that increased access to PrEP has a significant benefit to the public health. As you have heard from others, PrEP is incredibly successful in mitigating HIV transmission. Measures in this bill to increase access across populations and geography will keep more Maine people healthy, reduce harmful stigma, and encourage utilization of health care services. We support measures that achieve these goals.

Should you have any questions about MaineCare coverage or public health, we are happy to be available to provide answers.

Respectfully,

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