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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. 323, An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage For Telehealth Services

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

The Bureau of Insurance takes no position on L.D. 323. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with background information. This bill would expand the definition of telehealth in 24-A M.R.S. 4316(1)(C) to include telephonic services, removing the exclusion for audio only, facsimile, email and text. It also amends title 22 M.R.S. § 3173-H(6) to create a section providing for a patient's verbal, electronic or written consent for telehealth and telemonitoring services.

This LD is similar to LD 333, sponsored by Representative Hymanson, which provides for a more detailed expansion of telehealth services.

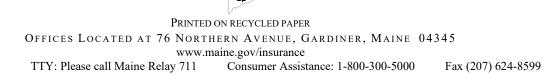
I hope this information is useful to the Committee. Please let me know if I can provide any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: Representative Anne Perry, Sponsor



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