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Testimony on LD 376, “Resolve, to Increase Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program”

Sen. Claxton, Rep. Meyer, and honorable members of the Health and Human Services Committee: I’m Sen. Mark Lawrence, and I represent the southern-most part of York County.

I am here today to introduce LD 376, “Resolve, to Increase Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program.”

This is legislation that veteran committee members may be familiar with. It passed in committee in the 128th and 129th Legislatures. Unfortunately, it was not funded at that time. Doctors of Chiropractic have not had an increase under MaineCare in 21 years. That’s 21 years of stagnant reimbursement at a time when MaineCare patient needs for non-drug Chiropractic care has only increased.

This legislation increases reimbursement to 70 percent of Medicare, which has been the standard often used as a fair level of reimbursement. I ask that you pass this legislation once again and help make sure that Chiropractic care remains an important part of the MaineCare system.

Thank you for your time.