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Mainecare is a vital support to low income women and families. Abortion is medical care. Eliminating abortion coverage from Mainecare puts women's lives at risk. Incomplete miscarriages require abortion to remove tissue that caused infection if left behind. Women who have had birth control fail and who cannot afford the financial, medical and safety sacrifices necessary to go through a pregnancy need access to abortion. For the people who only care about money; it's cheaper for Mainecare to pay for an abortion than to pay for the lifetime medical expenses of another generation on Mainecare. For the people who care about other people: only a patient and doctor should be making medical decisions based on the incredibly personal, unique, and time sensitive information pertinent to that patient.