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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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	LD 587	Resolve, to Increase Residential Care and Nursing Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowances Under the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	ONTP
	LD 1684	An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1827	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2125	An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	HELD BY GOVERNOR
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Not Enacted	LD 328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	ONTP

LD 445	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment	CARRIED OVER
LD 472	An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	CARRIED OVER
LD 540	An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine	CARRIED OVER
LD 816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	CARRIED OVER
LD 840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
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LD 2237	An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources	CARRIED OVER

Brain Injury

**Not
Enacted**

LD 539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	CARRIED OVER
LD 821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	ONTP

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Not Enacted	LD 2199	An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers	CARRIED OVER

Child Development

Not Enacted	LD 208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	CARRIED OVER
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Child Welfare

Enacted	LD 2095	An Act to Require Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect to Military Family Advocacy Programs	PUBLIC 518
Not Enacted	LD 50	An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being	ONTP
	LD 500	An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	ONTP
	LD 857	Resolve, to Establish a Process to Evaluate the Family Team Meeting Model	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 878	An Act to Improve Child Welfare	ONTP
	LD 1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1712	An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	ONTP
	LD 2078	An Act to Increase Participation by the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Federal Benefits for Which Children in the Custody of the Department May Be Eligible	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2097	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Staffing Crisis in the Child Protective Services System	CARRIED OVER

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Not Enacted	LD 1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1305	Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health	CARRIED OVER

Children's Services

Enacted	LD 299	An Act to Correct Language Related to Medicaid Coverage for Children	PUBLIC 597
Not Enacted	LD 1114	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	ONTP

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Not Enacted	LD 625	An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 779	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 907	An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	ONTP
	LD 2125	An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Developmental Disabilities

Enacted	LD 2177	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	RESOLVE 133
Not Enacted	LD 473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	CARRIED OVER
	LD 744	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	ONTP

Disabilities

Not Enacted	LD 825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	ONTP
	LD 2255	Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Disposition of Human Remains

Enacted	LD 536	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil	PUBLIC 676
Not Enacted	LD 838	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Emergency Medical Services

Not Enacted	LD 1751	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee	CARRIED OVER
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Fund for a Healthy Maine

Not Enacted	LD 2249	An Act to Protect the Fund for a Healthy Maine	INDEF PP
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Health Care

Not Enacted	LD 307	An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs	ONTP
	LD 821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	ONTP
	LD 1161	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	CARRIED OVER

Health Care Workforce

Not Enacted	LD 208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	CARRIED OVER
	LD 904	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	Died Between Houses
	LD 1792	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2200	Resolve, to Attract and Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians	ONTP

Health Information and Data

Not Enacted	LD 2151	An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Hospitals

Enacted	LD 2009	Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Address the Problem of Long Stays for Children and Adolescents in Hospital Emergency Departments	RESOLVE 134
Not Enacted	LD 225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1955	An Act to Require Hospitals to Provide Accessible Financial Assistance for Medical Care	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 2105	Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities	CARRIED OVER

Licensing

Enacted	LD 2050	An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing	PUBLIC 498
	LD 2230	Resolve, to Require a Stakeholder Group to Participate in the Development of Rules Regarding Youth Camps	RESOLVE 181

Medicaid/MaineCare

Enacted	LD 299	An Act to Correct Language Related to Medicaid Coverage for Children	PUBLIC 597
	LD 2055	An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program	PUBLIC 576
	LD 2153	An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments	PUBLIC 546
	LD 2177	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	RESOLVE 133
Not Enacted	LD 225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	ONTP

LD 328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	ONTP
LD 473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 619	An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members	ONTP
LD 659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	CARRIED OVER
LD 744	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	ONTP
LD 825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	ONTP
LD 840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	CARRIED OVER
LD 997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	CARRIED OVER
LD 1114	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	ONTP
LD 1178	Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 1224	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	ONTP
LD 1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	ONTP
LD 1751	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee	CARRIED OVER
LD 1827	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	CARRIED OVER

LD 1858	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	CARRIED OVER
LD 2128	An Act Regarding Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members	ONTP
LD 2223	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Rules and Establish a Study Group Related to Funding and Reimbursement for Mental Health Crisis Resolution Services	ONTP
LD 2243	Resolve, to Expedite and Improve Reimbursement to Certain Private Nonmedical Institutions	CARRIED OVER

Miscellaneous

**Not
Enacted**

LD 505	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes	CARRIED OVER
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Oral Health/Dental Care

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1837	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services	CARRIED OVER
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 75	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	ONTP
LD 1006	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	CARRIED OVER
LD 1488	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	CARRIED OVER

Poverty and Homelessness

Enacted

LD 1732	An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program	PUBLIC 575
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 599	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	CARRIED OVER
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Prescription Drugs

Not Enacted	LD 223	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	CARRIED OVER
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Prescription Monitoring Program

Enacted	LD 2139	An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	PUBLIC 544
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Public Assistance

Enacted	LD 1732	An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program	PUBLIC 575
	LD 1877	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families	PUBLIC 622
	LD 2037	An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations	PUBLIC 501
Not Enacted	LD 1426	An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance	ONTP
	LD 1584	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1664	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1666	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1675	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group	ONTP
	LD 1995	An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	ONTP

Public Health

Enacted	LD 2036	An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption	PUBLIC 524
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Health and Human Services

Not Enacted	LD 566	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	CARRIED OVER
	LD 906	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	ONTP
	LD 1857	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2100	An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 2197	An Act to Develop a Grant Program to Provide Career Exploration Opportunities to Youth in the Community	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2237	An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources	CARRIED OVER

Reproductive Healthcare

Not Enacted	LD 1478	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	CARRIED OVER
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Substance Use Disorder

Not Enacted	LD 353	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	ONTP
	LD 539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1975	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Changes to the Legal Status of Scheduled Drugs	CARRIED OVER

Telemedicine

Not Enacted	LD 361	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services	CARRIED OVER
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Tobacco Sale and Use

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1215	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	CARRIED OVER
LD 1558	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	CARRIED OVER
LD 1923	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 2157	An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools	Died Between Houses

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HHS	50	An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being	ONTP	3/28/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	75	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	OTP-AM	6/9/2023				
HHS	223	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	OTP-AM	5/26/2023				
HHS	225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	OTP-AM	5/9/2023				
HHS	251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	299	An Act to Correct Language Related to Medicaid Coverage for Children	OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Enacted	PL	597	
HHS	307	An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs	ONTP	3/13/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HHS	353	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	361	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services	OTP-AM	6/9/2023				
HHS	435	Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Report on Children's Residential Treatment Services and Implementation of the Department's Strategic Priorities for Children's Behavioral Health Services	OTP-AM	3/11/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	158	
HHS	445	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment	OTP-AM	5/12/2023				
HHS	472	An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	OTP-AM	6/2/2023				v
HHS	473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
HHS	500	An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	505	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes	OTP-AM	4/12/2023				
HHS	536	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/12/2023	Enacted	PL	676	
HHS	539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	OTP-AM	5/15/2023				
HHS	540	An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine	OTP-AM	5/15/2023				
HHS	566	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	OTP-AM	4/27/2023				

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HHS	587	Resolve, to Increase Residential Care and Nursing Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowances Under the MaineCare Program	OTP-AM	5/23/2023				
HHS	599	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2023				
HHS	619	An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	625	An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	LTW	1/12/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	OTP-AM	6/15/2023				v
HHS	744	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	779	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/2/2024				
HHS	816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	OTP-AM	4/27/2023				
HHS	821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HHS	825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	838	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	OTP-AM	3/6/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	OTP-AM	6/5/2023				
HHS	857	Resolve, to Establish a Process to Evaluate the Family Team Meeting Model	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	878	An Act to Improve Child Welfare	ONTP	3/13/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	904	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	OTP-AM	6/5/2023				
HHS	906	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	907	An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
HHS	938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	OTP-AM	5/19/2023				
HHS	997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	OTP-AM	6/5/2023				
HHS	1006	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				

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HHS	1114	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1161	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2023				
HHS	1178	Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services	OTP-AM	5/15/2023				
HHS	1215	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	6/21/2023				
HHS	1224	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			v
HHS	1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				v
HHS	1305	Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health	OTP-AM	6/12/2023				
HHS	1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/12/2023	Died Between Houses			
HHS	1426	An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			v
HHS	1478	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/22/2023				
HHS	1488	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/16/2023				

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HHS	1558	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2023				
HHS	1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	ONTP	3/20/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1584	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/20/2023				
HHS	1664	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program	OTP-AM	6/7/2023				
HHS	1666	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives	OTP-AM	6/20/2023				
HHS	1675	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1684	An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming	OTP-AM	5/22/2023				
HHS	1712	An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care	OTP-AM	6/20/2023				
HHS	1732	An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program	OTP-AM	3/6/2024	Enacted	PL	575	
HHS	1751	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee	OTP-AM	3/12/2024				
HHS	1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	ONTP	3/28/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1792	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	OTP-AM	6/20/2023				

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HHS	1827	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	OTP-AM	2/9/2024				
HHS	1837	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
HHS	1857	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program	OTP-AM	6/14/2023				v
HHS	1858	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	OTP-AM	6/8/2023				
HHS	1877	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families	OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Enacted	PL	622	
HHS	1923	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HHS	1955	An Act to Require Hospitals to Provide Accessible Financial Assistance for Medical Care	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/10/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	1975	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Changes to the Legal Status of Scheduled Drugs	OTP-AM	4/8/2024				
HHS	1995	An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	2009	Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Address the Problem of Long Stays for Children and Adolescents in Hospital Emergency Departments	OTP-AM	2/20/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	134	
HHS	2036	An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption	OTP-AM	2/14/2024	Enacted	PL	524	
HHS	2037	An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations	OTP	1/26/2024	Enacted	PL	501	
HHS	2050	An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing	OTP	1/26/2024	Enacted	PL	498	

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HHS	2055	An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program	OTP-AM	3/6/2024	Enacted	PL	576	
HHS	2078	An Act to Increase Participation by the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Federal Benefits for Which Children in the Custody of the Department May Be Eligible	OTP-AM	3/29/2024				
HHS	2082	Resolve, to Review the Timeliness of Contract Payments by the Department of Health and Human Services	OTP-AM	4/9/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	182	
HHS	2083	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Study Timely Access to Psychiatric Medication Management Services Across the State	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/28/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	157	
HHS	2095	An Act to Require Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect to Military Family Advocacy Programs	OTP-AM	2/14/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	518	
HHS	2097	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Staffing Crisis in the Child Protective Services System	OTP-AM	3/25/2024				
HHS	2100	An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/12/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HHS	2105	Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities	OTP-AM	3/27/2024				
HHS	2125	An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	OTP-AM	2/28/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	2128	An Act Regarding Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	2139	An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	OTP	2/23/2024	Enacted	PL	544	

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HHS	2151	An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records	ONTP/OTP-AM	2/23/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HHS	2153	An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments	OTP	2/23/2024	Enacted	PL	546	
HHS	2154	An Act to Make Corrections and Updates to the Laws Affecting Children and Families	OTP	3/8/2024	Enacted	PL	567	
HHS	2157	An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	3/20/2024	Died Between Houses			
HHS	2177	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	OTP	2/14/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	133	
HHS	2197	An Act to Develop a Grant Program to Provide Career Exploration Opportunities to Youth in the Community	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/29/2024				
HHS	2199	An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers	OTP-AM	4/8/2024				
HHS	2200	Resolve, to Attract and Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians	ONTP	3/20/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	2223	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Rules and Establish a Study Group Related to Funding and Reimbursement for Mental Health Crisis Resolution Services	ONTP	3/20/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	2230	Resolve, to Require a Stakeholder Group to Participate in the Development of Rules Regarding Youth Camps	OTP-AM	4/2/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	181	

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
HHS	2237	An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources	OTP-AM	3/20/2024				
HHS	2243	Resolve, to Expedite and Improve Reimbursement to Certain Private Nonmedical Institutions	OTP-AM	4/1/2024				
HHS	2249	An Act to Protect the Fund for a Healthy Maine	OTP		Indefinitely Postponed			
HHS	2255	Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients	OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	2287	Resolve, to Fully Fund Nursing Homes	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				

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LD 299 An Act to Correct Language Related to Medicaid Coverage for Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 597 makes changes to the statutory language regarding the Children's Health Insurance Program. It removes the statutory references to higher family income and lower family income limits for infants and children under 19 years of age to provide the Department of Health and Human Services with future flexibility to maximize funding sources through the Children's Health Insurance Program. It standardizes language for Medicaid coverage for persons 19 and 20 years of age to be consistent with current policy. It also changes the name of the Cub Care program to the Children's Health Insurance Program and updates cross-references.

LD 435 Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Report on Children's Residential Treatment Services and Implementation of the Department's Strategic Priorities for Children's Behavioral Health Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 158 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review relevant data and conduct an analysis on the capacity, occupancy and availability of and access to children's residential treatment services in the State and the residential treatment services located outside of the State that are being provided to children who normally reside in this State. By January 2, 2025, the department must submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report summarizing the data and results of the analysis of children's residential treatment services, an update on the department's progress in implementing its strategic priorities developed in 2019 to implement the children's behavioral health services plan for Maine developed by the department's Office of Child and Family Services and a summary of the department's current priorities to ensure the availability, quality and consistency of and access to behavioral health care services for children.

Resolve 2023, chapter 158 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2024.

LD 536 An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 676 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules regarding the treatment of human remains by natural organic reduction as an alternative to burial in a casket or cremation. Natural organic reduction is the contained accelerated conversion of human remains to soil. The law requires the department to license natural organic reduction facilities and to certify certain employees of these facilities.

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LD 1732 An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 575 makes the following changes to the laws regarding municipal general assistance programs.

1. It requires overseers and designated or appointed municipal officials administering the program to complete training within 120 days of election or appointment and requires the training to include delivery of trauma-informed services and culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that each municipality complies with its duty to provide trauma-informed services and culturally and linguistically appropriate services and requires the department to provide mandatory training to municipalities to ensure that a municipality is able to comply with the general assistance program requirements.
3. It amends provisions governing the municipality of responsibility to increase the provision of assistance from 30 days to six months when a municipality assists an applicant in relocating to another community and from six months to 12 months when an applicant is residing in a group home, shelter, rehabilitation center, nursing home or hospital or in a hotel, motel or other temporary housing.
4. It requires municipalities to accept applications for general assistance during the municipality's regular business hours.
5. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to create and administer a statewide general assistance database.
6. It adds a reporting requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over general assistance matters.

LD 1877 An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families

Public Law 2023, chapter 622 provides that, beginning October 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services must increase the maximum amount of monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program assistance by an amount equal to 20% of the maximum payments that were in effect on January 1, 2024 and increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, 2024.

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LD 2009 Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Address the Problem of Long Stays for Children and Adolescents in Hospital Emergency Departments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 134 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to address the problem of children and adolescents experiencing long stays in hospital emergency departments after the children and adolescents are medically stable and no longer require medical treatment but appropriate community or residential placements are not available. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services must appoint the members of the stakeholder group, which must include representatives from offices within the department and organizations dealing with child welfare, behavioral health and medicine in addition to affected parents and other interested parties. The department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 6, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 134 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

LD 2036 An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 524 amends the section of law describing the treatment of roadside springs so as to conform to the definition of “public water system”, in order to bring Maine law into compliance with federal law.

LD 2037 An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 501 amends the law governing the denial of food assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, as a result of lottery and gambling winnings. The law provides that gross lottery and gambling winnings equal to or greater than the maximum allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households, as provided in federal SNAP regulations, disqualifies a household from receiving food assistance through SNAP.

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LD 2050 An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 498 adds an additional accreditation option for laboratories that test blood samples to determine blood-alcohol levels or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite. In addition to laboratories certified under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, the law provides that laboratories may be accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a third party accrediting body.

LD 2055 An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 576 makes rules regarding electronic visit verification for providers offering hospice services under the MaineCare program major substantive rules; prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing electronic visit verification earlier than March 1, 2025; and directs the department by February 1, 2025 to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on efforts to combat fraud, waste and abuse in the delivery of hospice services, to provide information on federal initiatives that include Medicaid hospice providers and to make recommendations regarding the application of electronic visit verification to hospice services under the MaineCare program.

LD 2082 Resolve, to Review the Timeliness of Contract Payments by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 182 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review the timeliness of payments made to grantees of contracts awarded by the office within the department responsible for the provision of behavioral health services and housing assistance programs in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 through December 2024. It requires the department to identify the reasons for any delays of payments and to compile its data into a report. It requires the department to review its process for the payment of late fees in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1554 and to provide written guidance to grantees of contracts regarding the process to request payment of late fees. By February 1, 2025, the department must provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the department's findings and actions taken pursuant to this resolve.

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LD 2083 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Study Timely Access to Psychiatric Medication Management Services Across the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 157 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to study access to psychiatric medication management services in the State. The study must examine the availability of psychiatric medication management services across the State, including a review of geographic and other disparities in access, the availability of psychiatric nurse practitioners to provide medication management and challenges to sustaining and expanding the psychiatric nurse practitioner workforce, including an examination of educational opportunities, financial support for the education of nurse practitioners and the availability of nurse educators to train nurse practitioners. It directs the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 1, 2025 on the study. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 2095 An Act to Require Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect to Military Family Advocacy Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 518 requires that, when an allegation of abuse or neglect of a child against a parent or legal guardian is investigated, the Department of Health and Human Services must collect information concerning any military status of a parent or legal guardian and share that information with the appropriate military authority. It also directs the department to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with family advocacy programs at military installations.

Public Law 2023, chapter 518 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

LD 2139 An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 544 expands the required reporting on controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program to include drugs, substances and chemicals listed in the federally determined Schedule V. Schedule V drugs, substances and chemicals consist of preparations containing limited quantities of certain narcotics and are generally used for antidiarrheal, antitussive and analgesic purposes.

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LD 2153 An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 546 amends the laws authorizing MaineCare member copayments. It removes references to certain service categories subject to copayments, prohibits copayments for community-based behavioral health and primary care services, clarifies the list of service categories subject to copayments and provides the Department of Health and Human Services authority to set copayment amounts.

LD 2154 An Act to Make Corrections and Updates to the Laws Affecting Children and Families

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 567 makes the following changes to the laws governing adoption subsidy and child care.

1. It removes the requirement of an annual redetermination for adoption assistance.
2. It allows, instead of requires, the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules implementing the First 4 ME Early Care and Education Program.
3. It allows the department to issue temporary licenses for licensed family child care providers and child care facilities that need to relocate due to emergency circumstances or to new family child care providers and child care facilities established due to emergency circumstances and provides a definition of “emergency circumstances”.

LD 2177 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 133 authorizes final adoption of changes to Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2023, chapter 133 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

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LD 2230 Resolve, to Require a Stakeholder Group to Participate in the Development of Rules Regarding Youth Camps

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 181 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to participate in the development of proposals to amend its rule Chapter 208: Rules Relating to Boys, Girls, Boys and Girls, Day Camps and Primitive and Trip Camping prior to publishing a rule change for public comment and adoption under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The department may not adopt any rules to amend its rule Chapter 208 until the department has convened and engaged a stakeholder group.

Resolve 2023, chapter 181 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2024.

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ANALYST NOTES

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LD 472 An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects

Although this bill was not enacted, one-time funding for the startup and implementation costs for all mental health organizations participating in certified community behavioral health clinic projects that have previously been funded by federal grants from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A.

LD 659 An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session, in Part LLLL. Rules adopted are major substantive rules and subsequent rules are routine technical.

LD 1224 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

Although this bill was voted Ought Not to Pass by the Committee, funding for new mobile crisis rates and services beginning January 1, 2025, was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A and Part DDDD.

LD 1236 An Act to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas and to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to offer grants and incentives to providers of behavioral health services to children and adults in families involved in the child welfare system was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part RRRR.

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LD 1426 An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance

Although this bill was voted Ought Not to Pass by the Committee, LD 1732, An Act to Expand the General Assistance Program, was enacted as Public law 2023, chapter 575, and included some of the same provisions included in LD 1426. Additionally, increased funding for general assistance was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A and Part OO.

LD 1857 An Act to Create the Public Safety Health and Wellness Reimbursement Fund to Benefit Public Safety Workers and Volunteers

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Public Safety to establish a public safety health and wellness grant pilot program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part T.