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Senator Henry Ingwersen, Chair
Representative Michele Meyer, Chair
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
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Dear Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am pleased to submit the report on rulemaking for the first quarter of FY 2027, pursuant to Public Law 2003, c. 689, §A-2, requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to submit quarterly reports to the Committee, summarizing the rulemaking activity of the Department.

We have based our report on the format and information supplied by the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, to tally rules that have been adopted and proposed for the Department.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments concerning this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sara Gagné-Holmes", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sara Gagné-Holmes
Commissioner

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cc: Governor's Office

DHHS Quarterly Report on Rulemaking

Submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

(Pursuant to P.L. 2003 Chapter 689. Part A § A-2)

P.L. 2003, ch. 689, Part A § A-2, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit quarterly reports on rulemaking, pursuant to:

***“Sec. A-2. Quarterly report; rulemaking.** Beginning October 1, 2004, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall provide the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with a quarterly report that summarizes rule—making activity of the Department of Health and Human Services.”*

The intent of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (A.P.A.), [5 M.R.S. ch 375](#), is to improve public access to agency decision-making and to increase awareness of agency rules. In Maine, the Administrative Procedure Act was adopted at the First Session of the 108th Legislature, with some amendments since. It applies uniform requirements to state agencies which have rulemaking power, and sets minimum standards for agencies to follow in adopting and implementing rules. Very generally, the A.P.A. establishes a uniform, comprehensive set of procedures covering:

- The administrative actions of state agencies, including rulemaking, advisory rulings, adjudicatory proceedings, and licensing; and
- Judicial review of those actions.

We have based our report on the format used by the Secretary of State's Office, Bureau of Corporations, Elections, and Commissions, to tally rules that are adopted, and separately those that are proposed, for the Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to the “subject matter” noted in the right-most column, additional summary statements for each of these rules are filed as paper-copy “basis statements” in the office of the Secretary of State's APA Coordinator and are available for review.

Rules adopted by DHHS in the first quarter FY 2027:

Effective Date (may have been published later)	Citation/ Adopted Rule Number	Adopted by DHHS in the first quarter – FY 2027	TYPE OF RULE	CHAPTER NUMBER & TITLE
7-5-26	10-144 2026-150	Office for Family Independence	Repeal	Ch. 325; 1987 Flood Recovery Policy www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
7-5-26	10-144 2026-151	Office for Family Independence	Repeal	Ch. 311; Work Incentive (WIN) Program Manual WIN Program Manual - Repeal www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
7-5-26	10-144 2026-152	Office for Family Independence	Repeal	Ch. 610; Maine At-Risk Child Care Program Rules. www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml

Effective Date (may have been published later)	Citation/ Adopted Rule Number	Adopted by DHHS in the first quarter – FY 2027	TYPE OF RULE	CHAPTER NUMBER & TITLE
8-5-26	10-144 2026-180	Office for Family Independence	Routine	Ch. 331; Public Assistance Manual Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - Maximum Benefit and Standard of Need; TANF Rule #127A - COLA Updates www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofirules/index.shtml
8-30-26	10-148 2026-191	Office of Child and Family Services	Routine	Ch. 609; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Rules - SNAP E&T Rule #9A - Participant Supports Update www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/policy.shtml

Rules proposed by DHHS in the first quarter FY 2027:

DATE	PROPOSED RULE NUMBER	Rules proposed by DHHS in the first quarter FY 2027	CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE
8-5-26	2026-P180	Division of Licensing and Certification	Ch. 150 Charity Care and Financial Assistance Programs Rule www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking
8-12-26	2026-P128	Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Occupational Disease Reporting Rules and Regulations www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/rules/maine-cdc-rules.shtml
8-12-26	2026-P186	Office for Family Independence	Ch. 332; MaineCare Eligibility Manual – Parts 2 and 6; MaineCare Rule #313 – Noncitizen Updates www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofirules/index.shtml
8-19-26	2026-P195	Office of MaineCare Services	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual (MBM) [Ch. I, Sec. 1, General Administrative Policies and Procedures] www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules

DATE	PROPOSED RULE NUMBER	Rules <i>proposed</i> by DHHS in the first quarter FY 2027	CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE
8-26-26	2026-P198	Office of MaineCare Services	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual (MBM), Ch. III, Sec. 20, Allowances for Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Other Related Conditions www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules
8-26-26	2026-P199	Office of MaineCare Services	Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual (MBM) Ch. II, Sec. 20, Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Other Related Conditions www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/policies-rules
9-2-26	2026-P201	Office of Licensing and Certification	Ch. 114, Sentinel Event Reporting Rule www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking
9-30-26	2026-P221	Office for Family Independence	SNAP Rule #248P - FFY 2027 Budgeting Figures and FPLs www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/rules/index.shtml
9-30-26	2026-P225	Office of Licensing and Certification	Ch 112, Rules for the Licensing of Hospitals www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking