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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6603, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

9. Access to health care services. In accordance with this subsection, an arrangement may offer a managed care plan on a pilot basis with approval of the superintendent that does not adhere to any geographic access requirements set forth in section 4303, subsection 1 or in rules adopted by the superintendent. An arrangement may not offer a managed care plan that includes terms and conditions that have a detrimental financial impact on a covered person or that requires a covered person to travel outside the United States for health care services. The superintendent shall report annually beginning January 15, 2009 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters on the status of any pilot program approved under this subsection. This subsection takes effect January 1, 2008 and is repealed January 1, 2011.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows a multiple employer welfare arrangement to offer a managed care plan that does not adhere to any geographic access requirements on a pilot basis with approval of the Superintendent of Insurance. The amendment prohibits an arrangement from including terms and conditions in the managed care plan that have a detrimental financial impact on a covered person or that require a covered person to travel outside of the United States for health care services. The amendment requires the Superintendent of Insurance to report to the Legislature on the status of any approved pilot program on an annual basis. The provision is repealed after 3 years.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)