**§3173-I. Maine Telehealth and Telemonitoring Advisory Group**

The Maine Telehealth and Telemonitoring Advisory Group, as established by Title 5, section 12004‑I, subsection 38‑A and referred to in this section as "the advisory group," is created within the department. [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

**1. Membership.**  The advisory group consists of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee and 9 other members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

A. A representative of an organization in this State that has a mission to increase access to telehealth services in rural areas; [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

B. A representative from a home health agency in this State; [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

C. A representative from a nonprofit advocacy organization that represents hospitals in this State; [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

D. A representative from each of 2 separate health care providers of integrated medical services in this State; [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

E. A representative from a behavioral health organization in this State; [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

F. A representative from an entity in this State with experience in the field of pharmacy; and [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

G. Two medical practitioners in this State who use telehealth or telemonitoring as part of their regular practice. [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

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**2. Meetings.**  The advisory group shall hold at least one regular meeting each year.

[PL 2019, c. 649, §2 (AMD).]

**3. Duties.**  The advisory group shall:

A. Evaluate technical difficulties related to telehealth and telemonitoring services; and [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

B. Make recommendations to the department to improve telehealth and telemonitoring services statewide. [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

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For the purposes of this section, "telehealth" and "telemonitoring" have the same meaning as in section 3173‑H, subsection 1, paragraphs D and E. [PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2017, c. 307, §3 (NEW). PL 2019, c. 649, §2 (AMD).

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