

1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 689
7 8	H.P. 536 House of Representatives, February 10, 1983
9	On Motion of Representative Beaulieu of Portland referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
10	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
11	Presented by Representative Beaulieu of Portland.
12 13	STATE OF MAINE
14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
17 18 19 20 21	AN ACT Concerning Insurance Coverage for Persons Referred by a Physician for Hospital Emergency Room Treatment or Evaluation.
22 23	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
24	Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332 is enacted to read:
25 26	§2332. Coverage of emergency room treatment or evalu- ation
27 28 29 30 31 32 33	No nonprofit hospital and medical service corpo- ration which issues group health care contracts pro- viding hospital care to residents of this State may refuse payment for hospital emergency room treatment or evaluation for a subscriber when that treatment or evaluation was pursuant to the advice, recommendation or referral of a physician.

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1	Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2748 is enacted to read:
2	§2748. Coverage of emergency room treatment or evalu-
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4	No insurer governed by this chapter may refuse
5	payment for hospital emergency room treatment or
6	evaluation for a policyholder when that treatment or
7	evaluation was pursuant to the advice, recommendation
8	or referral of a physician.
9	Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2843 is enacted to read:
10	§2843. Coverage of emergency room treatment or evalu-
11	ation
12	No insurer governed by this chapter may refuse
13	payment for hospital emergency room treatment or
14	evaluation for a policyholder when that treatment or
15	evaluation was pursuant to the advice, recommendation
16	or referral of a physician.
17	STATEMENT OF FACT
18 19 20 21 22	The purpose of this bill is to assure that when a patient is referred by a physician to a hospital emergency room for treatment or evaluation that the health insurer cannot deny coverage for those services.

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