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H.P. 975

House of Representatives, March 22, 2005

An Act To Require Standardized Reporting of the Prices for Certain Health Care Services and To Repeal the Confidentiality of Sentinel Events

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. Macfarland MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and

Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BURNS of Berwick, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MAKAS of Lewiston, SMITH of Van Buren, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator: SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows	Be it	enacted	by	the	Peo	ple of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718, as	corrected by RR 20	03, c. 1, §16, is
4	amended by adding at the end a	new paragraph to r	ead:

The c	department	shall	adopt	rules	to	standa	rdize	the
reporting (of informat	ion on	the	pricing	of_	the mo	ost c	ommon
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this section		_				_		
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Sec. 2. 22 MRSA $\S8754$, sub- $\S3$, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 678, $\S1$ and affected by $\S3$, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to standardize the reporting of pricing information on the most common inpatient and emergency services and outpatient procedures by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. It also repeals the confidentiality provision in the laws covering mandatory reporting of sentinel events.