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H.P. 21

House of Representatives, January 2, 2019

An Act To Provide Coverage for Abortion Services for MaineCare Members

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRYANT of Windham, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FOLEY of Biddeford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-BBB** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-BBB. Coverage for abortion services**

4 **1. Coverage.** The department shall provide coverage for legal abortion services in
5 accordance with chapter 263-B to a MaineCare member.

6 **2. Funding.** Abortion services that are not federally approved Medicaid services
7 must be funded by state funds.

8 **3. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
9 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
10 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

11 **Sec. 2. Rulemaking.** No later than March 1, 2020, the Department of Health and
12 Human Services shall adopt rules to implement Title 22, section 3174-BBB.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide coverage
15 to a MaineCare member for legal abortion services. The bill provides that abortion
16 services that are not approved Medicaid services must be funded by the State. The bill
17 also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules no later than
18 March 1, 2020.