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# HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 981, L.D. 1497, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Primary Care Reporting by the Maine Quality Forum and to Establish the Primary Care Advisory Council"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 12-A by inserting after paragraph A the following:

'B. Annual utilization of primary care services as a percentage of overall utilization of health care services.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 12-A by inserting after paragraph D the following:

'This subsection is repealed January 15, 2031.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 12-A by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in the first blocked paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "internal medicine" the following: 'obstetrics and gynecology'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) in the 2nd line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "services," the following: 'utilization of services.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "16" and inserting the following: '18'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the first line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Six" and inserting the following: 'Seven'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in division (e) in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 26 and 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or a statewide association of physician assistants; and" and inserting the following: '''

1 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) by  
2 inserting after division (e) the following:

3 '(f) One member must be appointed from nominations provided by a statewide  
4 association of physician assistants; and'

5 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) by  
6 relettering the divisions to read alphabetically.

7 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in the  
8 first line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Four" and inserting the  
9 following: 'Five'

10 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in  
11 division (a) in the first line (page 2, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "One  
12 member" and inserting the following: 'Two members'

13 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in subparagraph (3) in the  
14 first line (page 3, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Six" and inserting the  
15 following: 'Four'

16 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in subparagraph (3) by  
17 striking out all of divisions (b) to (e) (page 3, lines 5 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the  
18 following:

19 '(b) One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

20 (c) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker  
21 of the House.

22 The Superintendent of Insurance or the superintendent's designee and the executive  
23 director of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and  
24 Tribal Populations or the executive director's designee serve as ex officio  
25 members.'

26 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 in paragraph C in the first line (page 3,  
27 line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Legislators" the following: 'and the ex  
28 officio members'

29 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 14 by inserting after paragraph G the  
30 following:

31 'This subsection is repealed January 15, 2031.'

32 Amend the bill in section 4 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after  
33 the following: "nonlegislative" the following: 'and non-ex officio'

34 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
35 number to read consecutively.

## 36 SUMMARY

37 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

38 1. It adds utilization of primary care services as a key measure that may be reported on  
39 by the Maine Quality Forum as part of its annual report.

1           2. It adds a physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology to the definition of  
2 health care practitioners that are engaged in primary care as used in the work of the Primary  
3 Care Advisory Council.

4           3. It specifies that one member must represent nurse practitioners and one member  
5 must represent physician assistants, adds an additional member representing health  
6 insurance carriers and makes technical changes to reflect the ex officio members of the  
7 Primary Care Advisory Council established in the bill.

8           4. It repeals the reporting requirements of the Maine Quality Forum and repeals the  
9 laws regarding the Primary Care Advisory Council January 15, 2031.

10                                   **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

11                                   **(See attached)**



Approved: 05/14/25 **LRL**

# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1497

LR 919(02)

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Primary Care Reporting by the Maine Quality Forum and to Establish the Primary Care Advisory Council**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-268)**  
**Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, Maine Health Data Organization, and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations to establish and serve on an advisory council are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.