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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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2-A. Assignment of rights of recovery. The receipt of benefits under the Medicaid program administered by the department pursuant to the Federal Social Security Act, Title XIX, shall constitute an assignment by the recipient to the department of the right to recover from third parties for the medical cost of injury, disease, disability or similar occurrence for which the recipient receives medical benefits. The department's assigned right to recover shall be limited to the amount of medical benefits received by the recipient and shall not operate as a waiver by the recipient of any other right of recovery against a third party which a recipient may have.

The recipient shall also be deemed to have appointed the commissioner as his attorney in fact to perform the specific act of submitting claims to insurance carriers or endorsing over the department any and all drafts, checks, money orders or any other negotiable instruments connected with the payment of third party medical claims.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 25

H. P. 199 — L. D. 244

AN ACT Concerning the Habitual Use of Drugs by Podiatrists.

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

32 MRSA § 3655, sub-§ 12, is amended to read:

12. Unprofessional conduct. A podiatrist shall refrain from any conduct generally considered unprofessional or unethical by the learned professions including, but not limited to, addiction to the use of narcotics, hallucinogenic or habit-forming drugs.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 26

H. P. 123 — L. D. 155

AN ACT to Establish a Sign on the Maine Turnpike for York Beach Region.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and