

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

Sec. 13. 24-A MRSA §4302, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 439, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

A. Coverage provisions, benefits and any exclusions by category of service, type of provider and, if applicable, by specific service, including but not limited to the following types of services, exclusions and limitations:

- (1) Health care services excluded from coverage;
- (2) Health care services requiring copayments or deductibles paid by enrollees;
- (3) Restrictions on access to a particular provider type;
- (4) Health care services that are or may be provided only by referral; ~~and~~
- (5) Childhood immunizations as recommended by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics; ~~and~~
- (6) Coverage requirements for contraceptive supplies, as defined in section 4247, subsection 4, and the procedures an enrollee must follow to access coverage for over-the-counter contraceptive supplies and nonprescription contraceptives at a pharmacy without an out-of-pocket cost at the point of sale or by submitting a claim for reimbursement;

Sec. 14. Application. This Act applies to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2026. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Sec. 15. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016

Initiative: Provides funding for the expansion of the requirements in current law for coverage of contraceptives to include nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. The expanded requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$62,016
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$62,016

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$21,571
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$21,571

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 446

H.P. 100 - L.D. 167

An Act to Provide 2 Hearing Aids to MaineCare Members with Diagnosed Hearing Loss

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-ZZ, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 237, §1, is amended to read:

2. Required reimbursement. The department shall provide reimbursement for a hearing aid for ~~one~~ each hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program in accordance with the following requirements:

- A. The hearing loss must be documented by a primary care provider or an audiologist licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 137;
- B. The hearing aid must be provided by an audiologist or a hearing aid dealer licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 137; and
- C. The hearing loss must meet the requirements established by the department in rule regarding the individual's severity of hearing loss.

~~The department shall provide reimbursement for a hearing aid for the 2nd hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program if the individual meets requirements established by the department by rule regarding the individual's severity of hearing loss, enrollment in school, enrollment in vocational training, employment needs or the needs identified by a primary care provider.~~

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement for bilateral hearing aids for MaineCare members with diagnosed hearing loss.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$102,946
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$102,946

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$218,379
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$218,379

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 447

H.P. 105 - L.D. 172

An Act to Require the Maine State Police to Create a Statewide List of Missing Persons and Study Improvements for Investigating Missing Persons Cases

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1512 is enacted to read:

§1512. Missing persons list

In cooperation with appropriate law enforcement agencies, the Bureau of State Police shall establish by December 31, 2026 and maintain a publicly accessible website that lists all open missing persons cases in the State. The website must contain details regarding each missing person in the State that include, but are not limited to, the missing person's demographics, photograph, circumstances of disappearance and last known location and any additional information that may help in locating or identifying the missing person. The website must be updated, at a minimum, once every month to include any new missing person's information as required by this section.

Sec. 2. Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to convene working group. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police shall convene a working group to review best practices for investigating missing persons cases in the State, determining the feasibility of implementing those best practices in a training module in the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's curriculum, reviewing the effectiveness of the Silver Alert Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2202 and identifying ways to improve the Silver Alert Program. The working group must include the following members:

1. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or the commissioner's designee;
2. The Chief of the State Police, or the chief's designee;

3. The Chief Medical Examiner, or the chief's designee;

4. A representative from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service;

5. The Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, or the director's designee;

6. A representative from a statewide association representing sheriffs;

7. A representative from a statewide association representing chiefs of police;

8. A representative from a statewide volunteer association specializing in search and rescue;

9. A representative from an organization that specializes in maintaining a missing persons list;

10. A family member of a missing person; and

11. A representative from each of the federally recognized Indian tribes, nations or bands in the State, appointed by the representative's respective tribe, nation or band.

By December 3, 2025, the bureau shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for technology costs to establish the publicly accessible website.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,139	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,139	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$2,229	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,229	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 448

H.P. 111 - L.D. 178

An Act Regarding Coverage for Step Therapy for Metastatic Cancer

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