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CHAPTER 709

H.P. 325 - L.D. 496

An Act Regarding the Issuance of Silver Alerts

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2202, as amended by PL 2021, c. 62, §2, is further amended to read:

§2202. Silver Alert Program

In accordance with this chapter and with the cooperation of the Department of Transportation, the Maine Turnpike Authority, a statewide organization representing broadcast groups in the State, the Office of the Governor and appropriate law enforcement agencies, the department shall develop and implement the Silver Alert Program to be activated on behalf of missing endangered persons. The program must include standards of procedure for local law enforcement agencies to determine that a missing person is a missing endangered person, to determine information to be released regarding the missing endangered person or the circumstances of the person's disappearance and to appropriately activate a Silver Alert to local or statewide law enforcement agencies and to the media, a plan for providing relevant information to the public through an existing system of dynamic message signs located across the State when necessary and training for all law enforcement officers. <u>The Silver Alert Program must require that all Silver Alerts be issued to all hospitals and homeless shelters in the State and to a statewide association of libraries.</u> The Silver Alert Program must be developed and implemented using existing resources.

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CHAPTER 710

S.P. 265 - L.D. 582

An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-W is enacted to read:

<u>**§4320-W. Coverage for blood testing for PFAS**</u>

<u>**1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means any member of the class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.</u>

<u>**2. Required coverage.** A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall provide coverage for blood testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances that is recommended by a provider as medically necessary health care for an enrollee. For the purposes of this subsection, blood testing for PFAS is presumed to be medically necessary health care for an enrollee if a provider determines that the enrollee meets clinical guidelines for blood testing for PFAS established by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, its successor organization or a comparable organization.</u>

Sec. 2. 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, 2027. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Sec. 3. Exemption from mandate review. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2752, this Act is enacted without review and evaluation by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the cost of the benefit mandate providing coverage of blood testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, beginning January 1, 2027.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	$0	$90,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$0	$90,000

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CHAPTER 711

H.P. 792 - L.D. 1187

An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Assessment Data in Firearm Fatalities and Hospitalizations Reports

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 256-A, headnote is amended to read:

CHAPTER 256-A

REPORTING OF FIREARM FATALITIES ~~AND~~, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT DATA

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1425, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §32, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§1425. Annual report on firearm fatalities ~~and~~, hospitalizations and mental health assessment data

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1425, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 369, §1, is amended to read:

C. Unintentional discharges, further separated by the ages of the victims; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1425, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §32, is further amended to read:

2. Hospitalizations. Hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm but did not result in death~~.~~; and

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1425, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Risk assessments. The number of assessments by a medical practitioner performed pursuant to Title 34-B, section 3862-A, the number of individuals assessed who received a referral for mental health treatment and services and any aggregate demographic information about the individuals assessed that can be released without risking individual identification.

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CHAPTER 712

H.P. 986 - L.D. 1502

An Act to Update the Requirements for Health Insurance Coverage of Prostate Cancer Screening

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2325-C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 754, §1, is amended to read:

§2325-C. Coverage for prostate cancer screening

1. ~~Definition~~ Services for the early detection of prostate cancer; definition. As used in this section, "services for the early detection of prostate cancer" means the following procedures provided to a man for the purpose of early detection of prostate cancer:

A. A digital rectal examination; and

B. A prostate-specific antigen test.

1-A. Nationally recognized clinical practice guideline; definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "nationally recognized clinical practice guideline" means an evidence-based clinical practice guideline:

A. Developed using a transparent methodology and reporting structure by an independent organization or medical professional society that has adopted a conflict of interest policy;

B. That establishes a standard of care informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and risks of alternative care options; and

C. That includes recommendations intended to optimize patient care.

2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening. All individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan contracts must provide coverage for services for the early detection of prostate cancer. The contracts must reimburse for services for the early detection of prostate cancer, if recommended by a physician, ~~at least once a year for men 50 years of age or older until a man reaches the age of 72~~ when supported by medical and scientific evidence according to the most recently published nationally recognized clinical practice guideline.

~~**3. Application.** The requirements of this section apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after September 1, 1998. For purposes of this section, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.~~

4. Cost sharing prohibited. An individual or group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan contract may not impose any deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement for the costs of services for the early detection of prostate cancer required to be covered under subsection 2. This subsection does not apply to a contract offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the requirements in this subsection are permissible in a high deductible health plan as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 223(c)(2).

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2745-G, as reallocated by RR 1997, c. 2, §51, is amended to read:

§2745-G. Coverage for prostate cancer screening

1. ~~Definition~~ Services for the early detection of prostate cancer; definition. As used in this section, "services for the early detection of prostate cancer" means the following procedures provided to a man for the purpose of early detection of prostate cancer:

A. A digital rectal examination; and