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LD 541 An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 423 reduces the frequency with which updates of price information must be posted on the Maine Health Data Organization's website from twice annually to once annually and also repeals the provisions requiring annual reports related to the 15 most common outpatient procedures and the services and procedures most often provided by physicians in a private office setting.

The law directs the Department of Health and Human Services to report cancer-incidence registry data and vital statistics data to the Maine Health Data Organization. The law authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization and Department of Health and Human Services to jointly adopt rules related to the reporting to the organization of data from the statewide cancer-incidence registry and data related to vital statistics. The data may be released to the public only in accordance with the Maine Health Data Organization's rule governing release of data to the public.

The law establishes the Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the organization regarding public reporting of health care trends developed from data reported to the organization.

The law also directs the Maine Health Data Organization to develop and maintain a multipayer provider database and service locator tool in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 600 An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 79 requires individual and group health insurance policies and contracts to provide coverage for services performed by a certified midwife when those services are within the lawful scope of practice of the certified midwife.

The law applies to individual and group health insurance policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022.

LD 603 An Act Regarding the Practice of Pharmacy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 146 amends the definitions of the terms "pharmacist" and "practice of pharmacy" in the Maine Pharmacy Act to clarify that a "pharmacist" is a provider of health care services and the "practice of pharmacy" is the provision of specified health care services. It also requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy to