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LD 1091 An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 714 raises the upper age limit from 20 years of age to 22 years of age for voluntary participation in extended care for persons who attained 18 years of age while in the care and custody of the State. It makes a corresponding change in the transition grant program for individuals exiting extended care and pursuing a postsecondary education by changing the requirement that to be eligible to participate in the program an individual must be at least 21 years of age to a requirement that an individual must be at least 23 years of age.

LD 1386 Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 180 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to establish four beds a year for four years to serve individuals who are eligible for long-term care and need bariatric care. The first four beds must be available by September 1, 2023. The department shall convene an informal stakeholder group including the long-term care ombudsman program and representatives of a statewide organization representing nursing facilities. The plan must include amendments to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, with rate changes that capture the clinical intensity needs of residents occupying bariatric care beds. The department shall submit a report on progress, including any necessary legislation to establish the bariatric care beds and any required funding, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2022.

Resolve 2021, chapter 180 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2022.

LD 1428 An Act To Increase the Availability of Intranasal Naloxone in Community and Corrections Settings

Public Law 2021, chapter 605 establishes a definition of “corrections officer” in the section of statute governing distribution of naloxone. It also increases the availability of intranasal naloxone hydrochloride in community and corrections settings by removing the requirement that a corrections officer possess a current and valid certificate issued by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in order to administer intranasal naloxone hydrochloride. It authorizes law enforcement officers, corrections officers and municipal firefighters to dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride in the same manner as is authorized for the administration of intranasal naloxone hydrochloride.