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LD 1392 An Act Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Release Annually Public Health Data Regarding Certain Fatalities and Hospitalizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 369 requires the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services to annually report on public health data concerning firearm fatalities separated by homicides, including the number of domestic violence homicides, suicides and unintentional discharges, further separated by the ages of the victims of each category, and hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm that did not result in death and to make the report publicly available. It directs the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the Attorney General and the Maine Health Data Organization to assist the director with the required data collection. It also adds unintentional and intentional firearm discharges as a type of category of data contained in uniform crime reports required by the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification.

LD 1469 Resolve, To Provide Add-on Payments for Ambulance Services Reimbursed by the MaineCare Program and To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Physical Therapy under the MaineCare Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 118 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 5 no later than October 1, 2021 to provide add-on payments for ambulance services that are based on the same geographic urban, rural and super rural zip codes that are used for Medicare ambulance reimbursement. It also requires the department to convene a work group to consider the feasibility and cost of implementing cost-based reimbursement for ambulance services provided under the MaineCare program.

Resolve 2021, chapter 118 also adjusts the reimbursement rates for physical therapy services under Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 85 to 57% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate no later than October 1, 2021 as long as the rate is no lower than the rate in effect on January 1, 2021.

LD 1470 Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Providing Inpatient Care to Individuals with Acute Mental Health Care Needs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 119 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES