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Education Sciences and the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare within the California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

The law also makes technical changes to state law requirements related to mental health parity to be consistent with federal law and regulations. Changes to the mental health parity provisions were initially codified in state law in Public Law 2019, chapter 5, Part D, but these technical changes were not included at that time.

Public Law 2021, chapter 595 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2022.

LD 1920 An Act To Enact the Interstate Counseling Compact To Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine’s Provider Workforce

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 547 enacts the Interstate Counseling Compact, which provides a mechanism to facilitate interstate practice of licensed professional counselors in order to improve public access to professional counseling services.

LD 1954 An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Contraceptives

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 609 requires health insurance policies to cover all contraceptive drugs, devices and products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of a contraceptive supply, an insurer or a health maintenance organization is not required to cover all those therapeutically equivalent versions, as long as at least one is covered without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement. It also requires all individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan policies and contracts and all nonprofit health plan policies and contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs or outpatient services to provide coverage for the furnishing or dispensing of prescribed contraceptive drugs, devices and products intended to last for a 12-month period, as is required of other types of health insurance policies.

The law’s requirements apply to individual and group policies and contracts issued by insurers and health maintenance organizations issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2023.

The law also includes language stating the Legislature’s finding that the changes are not an addition to the State’s essential health benefits that would require the State to defray costs pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.