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among payers by adding assessment calculation language. It adds other options for the purchase of low-cost vaccines, in addition to the federal Vaccines for Children Program.

LD 94 An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 42 eliminates the requirement that health care professionals report to the Department of Health and Human Services each occurrence of a miscarriage of a fetus of less than 20 weeks gestation.

LD 99 An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 362 clarifies that the investigation team of the Department of Health and Human Services may investigate an individual who is certified by the Department of Education, who has applied for licensure or certification, or who is subject to licensure or certification. It also clarifies that an investigation team in the Department of Health and Human Services may notify the superintendent of a school administrative unit, chief administrator of a public school not in a school administrative unit or chief administrator of a private school when there is an indicated or substantiated finding of out-of-home abuse or neglect against an employee of that school administrative unit, a public school not in a school administrative unit or a private school. It also allows the Department of Education to disseminate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect occurring within a school to superintendents, chief administrators of public schools not in a school administrative unit or chief administrators of private schools when neither the Department of Health and Human Services nor the Department of Education is investigating or it is determined that the school is unaware of the information.

LD 110 An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 79 requires that a direct share subdivision that receives opioid settlement funds in accordance with the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds, dated and signed on January 26, 2022, and the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds-2023, dated and signed on May 2, 2023, must submit an annual report to the Attorney General detailing the amount of such funds received and expended in the prior calendar year and including a description of each such expenditure. The first annual report must be submitted by January 15, 2026. The law also includes a requirement that the Attorney General

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compile the reports submitted by direct share subdivisions and submit them by February 15, 2026 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

LD 117 An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 441 requires that any unused balances of the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2025-26 and the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services to replace current and anticipated reduction in grants to the department under the federal victim assistance formula grant program that are not needed for those purposes must be equally disbursed to a statewide coalition of domestic violence resource centers and a statewide coalition of sexual assault support centers to support community-based services. The department must identify any unused balances by March 30th of each year.

LD 143 An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 443 requires the State Controller, at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as the next priority after other transfers and deductions have been made, to transfer up to \$3,000,000 from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for statewide family planning services to provide funds to be distributed to a single grantee that will provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services.

LD 156 An Act to Improve Notifications Related to Substance-exposed Infants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 353 establishes and defines a family care plan in statute as a plan of safe care as described in the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. It specifies the procedures for health care providers to notify the Department of Health and Human Services regarding infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, including developing a family care plan. It requires data collection in a manner that complies with federal law. It removes references in law to notifications not being construed to establish a definition of “abuse” or “neglect” or to require prosecution and removes references to investigations by the Department of Health and Human Services upon notification.