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to deny coverage under a health plan for covered specialized risk screening for an enrollee who is a first responder and whose provider has determined the enrollee's receipt of specialized risk screening is medically appropriate and has meaningful potential for preventive clinical benefit to the enrollee. The law also clarifies that the rebuttable presumption applies if an enrollee files a wrongful death action instead of an action under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4313.

Public Law 2025, chapter 531 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 530 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

**LD 961 An Act to Address Maine's Health Care Workforce Shortage and Improve Access to Care**

Public Law 2025, chapter 540 provides that, once rules are adopted by the State Board of Nursing to establish practice standards, a certified nurse practitioner who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse is no longer required to practice for at least 24 months under the supervision of a licensed physician or supervising nurse practitioner or be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician. The law directs the board to establish practice standards by rule for a certified nurse practitioner related to the length of time a certified nurse practitioner must practice as an advanced practice registered nurse; the minimum amount of time a certified nurse practitioner must practice with a supervising nurse practitioner as a mentor; the practice setting for a certified nurse practitioner, including any requirements for employment by a clinic or hospital that has a supervising nurse practitioner within the clinic or hospital serving in a mentorship role to a certified nurse practitioner; and any other factors determined necessary by the board.

The law directs the board to submit the proposed practice standards for certified nurse practitioners to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services for review no later than March 15, 2026 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the practice standards for certified nurse practitioners. The law prohibits the board from adopting rules relating to the practice standards for certified nurse practitioners before May 1, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 540 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 17, 2026.

**LD 1502 An Act to Update the Requirements for Health Insurance Coverage of Prostate Cancer Screening**

Under prior law, health insurance coverage was required for annual prostate cancer screening, if recommended by a physician, to men 50 years of age or older until attaining 72 years of age. Public Law 2025, chapter 712 updates the annual screening requirements for prostate cancer to require coverage of these services at any age, if recommended by a physician, when supported by