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LD 889 An Act to Clarify the Release of Information by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Law Regarding Automatic Referrals

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 330 allows an individual to opt out of authorizing the release of specific information concerning the individual in the automatic referral process being developed by the Department of Health and Human Services based on the provisions of Public Law 2023, chapter 412. The process is intended to increase the number of individuals served by the department who are referred to, or enrolled in, other income supplementation and assistance programs.

Public Law 2025, chapter 330 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2025.

LD 960 Resolve, to Allow the Placement of Hospitalized Patients in Nursing Facilities in Alternative Locations Under Certain Circumstances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 62 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 67, Nursing Facility Services, to allow for the placement of a MaineCare member, when the member is being discharged from a hospital to a nursing facility, into a nursing facility that is greater than 60 miles from a member's residence. The hospital must attempt to locate a placement within a 60-mile radius and document its efforts and any refusals from facilities, the member must be provided with information on the State's long-term care ombudsman program if the placement is beyond 60 miles and the member must consent to a placement that is beyond 100 miles from the member's residence.

LD 977 Resolve, Requiring the Maine Health Data Organization to Develop a Plan for Measuring Gaps in Home and Community-based Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 113 requires the Maine Health Data Organization to develop a plan for annual measurements of the gap between authorized care and the services actually provided for home and community-based services under the MaineCare program, state-funded programs and the forthcoming lifespan program using existing data. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to provide data to the Maine Health Data Organization upon request. The Maine Health Data Organization must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2026.