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the version of 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141, as promulgated on April 26, 2024. It changes the definition of “regulated PFAS contaminants” to mean those contaminants regulated under 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.61(c)(2), as promulgated on April 26, 2024, and not as superseded by subsequent versions of that federal rule.

It requires all community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems to conduct monitoring of PFAS at detectable levels established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. It requires that public notice of an exceedance must include information identifying each type of PFAS detected in the drinking water, the levels of each type of PFAS detected and the total level of PFAS detected.

LD 1406 An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 240 changes the definitions of “abuse or neglect” and “jeopardy to health or welfare” in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act. It provides that “abuse or neglect” also means serious harm or threat of serious harm by a person responsible for the child due to inadequate care or supervision of the child or deprivation of food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care necessary for the child's health or welfare by that person when that person is financially able to provide food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care necessary for the child's health or welfare or is offered lawful and reasonable financial means or resources to do so.

Public Law 2025, chapter 240 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 1428 An Act to Increase Access to Child Care for Maine Families

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 288 allows a child care facility or family child care provider to operate without an outdoor recreational space as long as an outdoor public recreational space is available within a reasonable distance. It also requires municipalities to allow child care facilities and family child care providers to operate in an area that is zoned for residential purposes.

LD 1469 An Act to Clarify the Quality Rating System for Child Care Services in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 247 specifies that child care providers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the American Montessori Society, the National Association for Family Child Care, the Council on Accreditation or any of their successor organizations, or a Head Start program that meets national Head Start standards, receive the

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highest rating under the child care quality rating system under Department of Health and Human Services rules.

LD 1523 Resolve, to Develop MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 89 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to initiate a rate determination process for developing rates for doula services under the MaineCare program. The department shall establish a doula council to provide advice on issues related to reimbursement, credentialing, recruitment, billing and outreach. The department shall submit a report, no later than February 1, 2027, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters that includes the department's progress on developing rates and recommendations for reimbursement of doula services under the MaineCare program. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1550 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules to Protect Water Quality by Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Septic Systems

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 45 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule governing subsurface wastewater disposal in the following ways.

1. It must amend the design standards for disposal fields in a manner that addresses short circuiting by reducing nutrient loading from septic tank effluent through natural processes.
2. It must apply the amended design standards only to soil profiles that pose a high risk of short circuiting due to the presence of sand or gravel layers in lower soil horizons or bedrock fractures.
3. It must provide that an area of land suitable for the installation of a disposal field may not be rendered unsuitable due to any changes in the rule amended pursuant to the resolve.

LD 1736 An Act to Increase the Supply of Child Care Services Through the Use of Contracts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 323 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to enter into direct contracts with providers of child care to provide child care slots for children under three years of age, children with disabilities and children in