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Resolve 2025, chapter 140 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2167 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

Resolve 2025, chapter 138 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization.

Resolve 2025, chapter 138 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2189 An Act to Require Prior Notification of Closures of Labor and Delivery Units and Changes in Maternity or Newborn Care Services by Hospitals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 606 requires a hospital to provide at least 120 days' notice prior to the termination of maternity or newborn care services or of a change in the level of care a hospital provides for maternity and newborn care services.

Public Law 2025, chapter 606 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2200 An Act Relating to Noncompete Agreements Between Employers and Health Care Practitioners

Public Law 2025, chapter 718 prohibits an employer from requiring or permitting a health care practitioner to enter into a noncompete agreement with that employer unless the health care practitioner is employed by an entity in which the health care practitioner has an ownership interest. The law also requires that any noncompete agreement between an employer and a health care practitioner that is enforceable must recognize an individual's right to choose the individual's own health care practitioner.

LD 2201 An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations Related to the Regulatory Review and Approval of Certain Health Care Transactions Involving Private Equity Companies, Hedge Funds or Management Services Organizations from the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 establishes a process for review and approval of certain transactions when a private equity company, hedge fund or management services organization acquires a majority ownership interest in a health care entity or when a private equity company, hedge fund or management services organization takes operational control over a health care entity. The law exempts material change transactions involving independent provider practices of 6 or fewer

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individual providers and material change transactions involving dental practices from the review process

Under the law, the material change transaction review process is concurrent with any review required under the certificate of need laws. When a comprehensive review of a material change transaction is required, the law requires that the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Affordable Health Care consider specific criteria about the impact of the transaction on costs and the health care market, including the impact on the financial condition of a health care entity if the transaction involves a sale and leaseback of the main campus of the health care entity from a real estate investment trust and consideration of the health care entity's debt to equity ratio following the transaction. During the material change transaction review process, the law provides that proprietary information provided to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Affordable Health Care is confidential and may be disclosed publicly only if certain conditions are met. Any rules adopted to implement the provisions of the law are subject to legislative review and approval before final adoption.

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 also creates provisions governing reporting to the Maine Health Data Organization on the ownership and control of health care entities. The law requires health care entities subject to the reporting requirement to report once no later than July 1, 2027 and subsequently only upon the completion of a material change transaction. Independent provider practices with 6 or fewer individual providers are exempt from the reporting requirements. No later than January 1, 2029 and annually thereafter, the Maine Health Data Organization is required to post the information reported by health care entities on a publicly accessible website.

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 takes effect January 1, 2027.

LD 2202 An Act to Require Notice to the Attorney General Prior to the Merger of Certain Health Care Entities as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 661 requires a health care entity to provide notice to the Attorney General about a pending merger or acquisition at the same time the health care entity is required to notify the Federal Trade Commission or the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

LD 2209 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Develop Innovative Models for the Delivery of Dental Services to Expand Access to Oral Health Care Throughout the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 156 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to consider the development of a hub-and-spoke model to expand access to dental services throughout the State and to explore options to establish dental specialist residency programs in the State, especially for pediatric dentists, oral surgeons and orthodontists, and education and training programs for dental