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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