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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

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therapists in the State. The law requires the department to invite the participation of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, representatives from the University of New England College of Dental Medicine, the Maine Public Health Association, the Board of Dental Practice, the Maine Dental Association, the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association, the Maine Oral Health Centers Alliance and dentists working in private practice who serve the oral health care needs of underserved and high-need populations. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation must provide technical assistance to the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the Board of Dental Practice.

Resolve 2025, chapter 156 requires the department to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 15, 2027 and authorizes each joint standing committee to report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**LD 2233 An Act to Combine the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure into a Single Licensing Board for All Physicians and Physician Associates**

Public Law 2025, chapter 738 combines the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine into a single licensing board, known as the Maine Board of Medicine, for all physicians and physician associates, effective January 1, 2027. Licenses issued by the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure remain in effect until their expiration and the authority over those licenses is transferred to the Maine Board of Medicine.

The law also requires the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine to report on the planning completed by the boards prior to the establishment of the Maine Board of Medicine, including recommendations for any suggested legislation necessary to further implement the merger, to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over professional licensing board matters no later than January 31, 2027. The law authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**LD 2242 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation**

Resolve 2025, chapter 158 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers.

Resolve 2025, chapter 158 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.