

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 845

H. P. 671

House of Representatives, February 27, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Berube of Lewiston.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Kany of Waterville; Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Amend the Insurance Law to Require the Inclusion of Home Health Services as a Covered Benefit in all Group and Individual Health Policies Written in the State.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

24-A MRSA § 2704, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Every insurer issuing a group policy for delivery in this State which provides coverage for inpatient hospital care shall provide coverage for home health care to residents in this State. Every insurer issuing a policy of accident or sickness insurance for delivery in this State which provides coverage for inpatient hospital care must provide coverage for home health care to residents in this State.

Home health care is defined as physician prescribed part-time intermittent care to include the following, which must be provided by a certified home health agency:

- A. Part-time skilled nursing care;
- B. Physical therapy;
- C. Speech therapy;
- D. Occupational therapy;
- E. Part-time services of home health aides;
- F. Medical social services; and
- G. Medical supplies and equipment.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to amend the insurance laws to require the inclusion of home health services as a covered benefit in all group and individual health policies written in this State.