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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 700, L.D. 890, Bill, "AN ACT  
Concerning Reimbursement for Health Care Services in Certified Rural  
Health Clinics."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting  
clause and inserting in its place the following:

'24 MRSA §2324 is enacted to read:

§2324. Certified ambulatory health care center outpatient coverage

1. Contract coverage. Every nonprofit hospital and medical  
service organization which issues group and individual health care  
contracts providing coverage for inpatients and outpatient hospital  
care to residents of the State shall make available coverage for  
outpatient health care to subscribers with health care facilities  
certified by the Department of Human Services for purposes of re-  
imbursement under the United States Rural Health Clinic Services  
Act, Public Law 95-210, or its successor, and with incorporated non-  
profit health centers engaged in the delivery of comprehensive primary  
care. provided the health care facility or nonprofit health center  
providing the care has contracted with the organization on terms and  
conditions which the organization deems satisfactory to its membership.

2. Services required. Services provided under such contract  
to certified rural health clinics shall include, but need not be  
limited to, services presently provided for under group and in-  
dividual health care contracts to hospitals or groups of hospitals  
presently licensed under Title 22, chapter 405, or its successor. In

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no way shall services provided under such contracts to these health clinics be construed to require a nonprofit hospital or medical services organization to provide contract coverage for a service in a particular rural health clinic which does not meet state qualifications or criteria. '

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to allow the nonprofit hospitals or medical services organizations to establish terms and conditions of participation for rural health clinics in the same manner it does for hospitals. The amendment also corrects an internal reference.

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