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1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION	T REGULAR SESSION				
3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE					
5 6	Legislative Document N	o. 1194				
7	S.P. 394 In Senate, March	15, 1983				
8	Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. So down for concurrence and ordered printed.	ent				
10	JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the	e Senate				
. 11	Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec. Cosponsor: Senator Gill of Cumberland.					
12 13	STATE OF MAINE					
14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE					
17 18 19	AN ACT to Establish and Provide Reimbursement for a Hospice Care Program.					
20 21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Main follows:	e as				
. 22	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 418 is enacted to read:					
23	CHAPTER 418					
24	HOSPICE CARE					
25	§2131. Intent					
26 27 28 29 30 31	It is the intent of the State to support, the its licensing and reimbursement policies, the pasion of complete and individualized care program the physical, emotional, spiritual and psycholomeeds of terminally ill individuals and their ilies.	rovi- s for gical				

§2132. Definition

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As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

- 1. Hospice care program. "Hospice care program" means a coordinated, interdisciplinary program for meeting the special physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of dying individuals and their families by providing palliative and supportive medical, nursing and other health services through home or inpatient care during the illness and bereavement. These services shall be provided:
- A. By a facility licensed under chapter 405 that provides a hospice care program that is:
 - (1) Separate and distinct from any other program offered by the facility;
 - (2) Admits at least 2, but not more than 8, individuals who are unrelated and who meet the conditions of paragraph B; and
 - (3) Certified by the department in accordance with section 2133; and
 - B. To individuals who have no reasonable prospect of a cure and, as estimated by a physician, have a life expectancy of less than 6 months and to the families of those individuals.

§2133. Reimbursement; certification

The department shall provide reimbursement, under the Medical Assistance Program, for services provided through a certified hospice care program and shall promulgate regulations, in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, which are the criteria for certification as an approved hospice care program.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2332 is enacted to read:

§2332. Hospice care coverage

4 5 6 7 8	Every insurer who issues or delivers an individual health insurance policy to any person in this State on an expense-incurred basis shall make available to its insureds benefits for hospice care services.
9 10 11 12 13	Every insurer who issues or delivers a group or blanket health insurance policy or contract to its policyholders or beneficiaries in this State on an expense-incurred basis shall make available benefits for hospice care services.
14	Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2748 is enacted to read:
15	§2748. Hospice care coverage
16 17 18	A health service plan shall make available to its subscribers benefits for hospice care services as defined in Title 22, chapter 418.
19 20 21 22 23	Every insurer who issues or delivers an individual health insurance policy to any person in this State on an expense-incurred basis shall make available to its insureds benefits for hospice care services.
24 25 26 27 28	Every insurer who issues or delivers a group or blanket health insurance policy or contract in this State on an expense-incurred basis shall make available to its policyholders or beneficiaries benefits for hospice care services.
29	STATEMENT OF FACT
30 31 32 33 34	The bill establishes a commitment by the State to encourage the provision of hospice care services to the terminally ill and their families, and requires that the Department of Human Services certify that programs of hospice care meet a certain standard. It

A nonprofit health service plan shall make available to its subscribers benefits for hospice care services as defined in Title 22, chapter 418.

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