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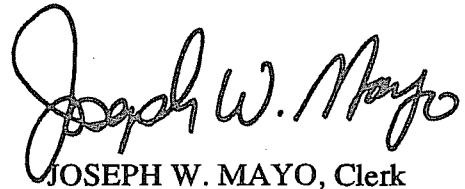
H.P. 129

House of Representatives, January 26, 1993

**An Act to Reduce Paperwork for Health Care.**

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Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Representatives CARROLL of Gray, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, YOUNG of Limestone, Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1543, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL  
4 1979, c. 312, §3, is amended to read:

6 ~~No--money--shall~~ Money may not be drawn from the State  
7 Treasury, except in accordance with appropriations duly  
8 authorized by law. Every disbursement from the State Treasury  
9 ~~shall-be~~ is upon the authorization of the State Controller and  
10 the Treasurer of State, as evidenced by their facsimile  
11 signatures, except that the Treasurer of State may authorize  
12 interbank and intrabank transfers for purposes of pooled  
13 investments. Disbursements ~~shall~~ must be in the form of a check  
14 or an electronic transfer of funds against a designated bank or  
15 trust company acting as a depository of the State Government.

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17 Sec. 2. 24 MRSA c. 21, sub-c. X is enacted to read:

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19 SUBCHAPTER X

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21 BILLING FOR HEALTH CARE

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23 §2985. Billing for health care

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25 1. Forms. The Superintendent of Insurance shall adopt by  
26 rule standardized forms and directions for completion of those  
27 forms for use by health care providers for billing the patient or  
28 any payor for health care services.

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31 2. Health care billing. All health care providers who bill  
32 for health care services must use the following methods:

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34 A. Standard forms and directions for completion of those  
35 forms adopted by the Superintendent of Insurance pursuant to  
36 subsection 1; and

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38 B. Electronic filing of billing forms when that system is  
39 provided for by the payor.

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41 3. Insurer participation. All insurers and nonprofit  
42 hospital and medical service organizations shall use the standard  
43 forms and directions for completion of those forms adopted by the  
44 Superintendent of Insurance pursuant to subsection 1 and make  
45 good faith efforts to establish systems for electronic filing of  
46 billing forms.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill amends the law to allow funds to be transmitted electronically to health care providers. The bill requires health care providers to bill for health care services using a standard form and directions for completion and requires the use of electronic billing whenever possible. The bill requires insurers and nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations to accept the standard form and directions for completion and to make good faith efforts to establish systems for electronic filing of billing forms.