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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 341, L.D. 444, Bill, "An Act Regarding Community Health Centers"

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2142, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1989, c. 119, \$1, is further amended to read:

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Home health care provider. "Home health care provider" means any business entity or subdivision thereof, whether public or private, proprietary or not for profit, which that is engaged in providing acute, restorative, rehabilitative, maintenance, preventive or health promotion services through professional nursing or another therapeutic service, such as physical therapy, health aides, nurse assistants, medical social work, nutritionist services or personal care services, either directly through contractual agreement, in a client's place of residence. This term does not apply to any sole practitioner providing private duty nursing services or other restorative, rehabilitative, maintenance, preventive or health services in a client's place of residence or to municipal entities providing health promotion services in a client's place of residence. This term does not apply to a federally qualified health center or a rural health clinic as defined in 42 United States Code, Section 1395x, subsection (aa) (1993) that is delivering case management services or health education in a client's place of residence. Beginning October 1, 1991, "home health care provider" includes any business entity or subdivision

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thereof, whether public or private, proprietary or nonprofit, which that is engaged in providing speech pathology services.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill. It removes the section of the bill that required the Department of Human Services to make community health centers eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for case management. The amendment also clarifies that a rural health center does not need a home health care provider license to provide case management or health education in a client's place of residence.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources
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