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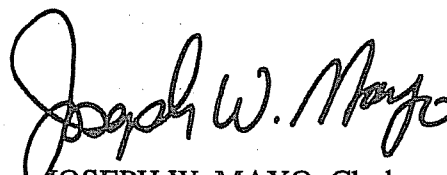
No. 444

H.P. 341

House of Representatives, February 11, 1993

An Act Regarding Community Health Centers.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2142, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1989, c. 119,
5 §1, is further amended to read:

6 3. **Home health care provider.** "Home health care provider"
7 means any business entity or subdivision thereof, whether public
8 or private, proprietary or not for profit, ~~which~~ that is engaged
9 in providing acute, restorative, rehabilitative, maintenance,
10 preventive or health promotion services through professional
11 nursing or another therapeutic service, such as physical therapy,
12 home health aides, nurse assistants, medical social work,
13 nutritionist services or personal care services, either directly
14 or through contractual agreement, in a client's place of
15 residence. This term does not apply to any sole practitioner
16 providing private duty nursing services or other restorative,
17 rehabilitative, maintenance, preventive or health promotion
18 services in a client's place of residence or to municipal
19 entities providing health promotion services in a client's place
20 of residence. "Home health care provider" does not include a
21 community health center, as defined in section 3174-L, subsection
22 1. Beginning October 1, 1991, "home health care provider"
23 includes any business entity or subdivision thereof, whether
24 public or private, proprietary or nonprofit, ~~which~~ that is
25 engaged in providing speech pathology services.

26 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-L is enacted to read:

27 §3174-L. Community health centers authorized to perform case
28 management

29 1. Community health center defined. As used in this
30 section, "community health center" means an incorporated
31 nonprofit health facility that provides comprehensive primary
32 health care to citizens in rural areas.

33 2. Authorization to perform case management. By October 1,
34 1993, the department shall adopt rules making community health
35 centers eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for case management
36 services for persons receiving home-based health services.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires that community health centers be authorized providers of case management services in the Medicaid program when those services are provided to people receiving home-based health services.

The bill also clarifies that community health centers are not required to be licensed as home health care providers.