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No. 313

H.P. 233

House of Representatives, January 31, 1995

**An Act to Limit Copayments for Participants in Medicaid Managed Care
Demonstration Projects.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FITZPATRICK of Durham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DORE of Auburn, ETNIER of
Harpwell, JONES of Bar Harbor, LEMAIRE of Lewiston.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173-C, sub-§3, ¶¶F and G, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 240, are amended to read:

F. Services furnished to an individual by a Health Maintenance Organization, as defined in the United States Social Security Act, Section 1903(m), in which he that individual is enrolled; and

G. Any other service or services ~~required-to-be~~ exempt under the provisions of the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX and successors to it.; and

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3173-C, sub-§3, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Services furnished to an individual who is enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan pursuant to department rule under a waiver authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill exempts Medicaid recipients from copayments if they are enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Under managed care, the majority of services must be approved in advance by a primary care physician under contract with a health maintenance organization or similar entity. Under this system, copayments are no longer necessary to prevent overutilization of services, since the managed care system itself is designed to do that.