

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 307

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H.P. 243

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

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### An Act to Allow Self-referral for Obstetrical Care in Managed Care Plans.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CAMPBELL of Holden, LEMONT of  
Kittery, MERES of Norridgewock, PAUL of Sanford, PIEH of Bremen, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-G, sub-§1, ¶D** is enacted to read:

6 D. All group plan contracts must provide coverage for all  
8 obstetrical care related to a pregnancy, including follow-up  
care, without requiring the prior approval of the primary  
care physician.

10 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2850-A, sub-§1, ¶D** is enacted to read:

12 D. All group plan contracts must provide coverage for all  
14 obstetrical care related to a pregnancy, including follow-up  
care, without requiring the prior approval of the primary  
care physician.

16 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4241, sub-§1, ¶D** is enacted to read:

18 D. All group plan contracts must provide coverage for all  
20 obstetrical care related to a pregnancy, including follow-up  
care, without requiring the prior approval of the primary  
22 care physician.

24 **Sec. 4. Application.** This Act applies to all contracts and  
26 certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued  
or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 1998. For  
28 purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no  
later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill requires all group managed care plans of insurers,  
34 nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations and health  
maintenance organizations to provide coverage for obstetrical  
36 care throughout a pregnancy without requiring a prior referral  
from the woman's primary care physician.

38 This bill applies to contracts or certificates after January  
40 1, 1998.