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House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

An Act Regarding the Decision by an Insurance Carrier Whether to Cover Certain Services.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAILHOT of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CLARK of Millinocket, SHANNON of Lewiston.

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

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Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4304, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Medical review by qualified providers. Any person who recommends authorization or denial of coverage or payment, or 6 determines whether or not a service should be provided by a health plan, based on medical necessity standards, must be 8 licensed or otherwise qualified by training and expertise in 10 those areas in which the person reviews the services to be provided to health plan enrollees. The gualifications of a person to perform medical review or utilization review of health 12 plan services must be determined in accordance with the scope of practice provisions set forth in Title 32 for licensed health 14 care providers.

SUMMARY

20 This bill requires carriers offering health plans in this State to employ persons licensed or otherwise qualified in 22 particular areas to perform medical review or utilization review for the health plan in those areas in which the persons are 24 licensed or qualified to make decisions about the provision of health care services to health plan enrollees.