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No. 608

H.P. 445

House of Representatives, January 21, 1999

**An Act to Require Health Insurers to Reply to Payment Requests by
Family Practice Nurse Practitioners within a Certain Time.**

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, DUGAY of Cherryfield, LOVETT of Scarborough.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:**

6 **2-A. Requests for reimbursement by family practice nurse**
8 **practitioners. A carrier offering a health plan in this State**
10 **shall reply to a written claim submission for reimbursement by a**
12 **licensed family practice nurse practitioner within 60 days of the**
14 **submission, regardless of whether the provider is a participating**
16 **provider in the carrier's health plan. The reply must indicate**
18 **whether the carrier will reimburse the provider.**

14 SUMMARY

16 This bill requires that health insurance carriers respond to
18 requests for reimbursement from family practice nurse
practitioners within 60 days of the request for reimbursement.