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H.P. 617

House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

**An Act Concerning Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse
Midwives as Primary Care Providers.**

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 MAYO of Bath.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, COLWELL of Gardiner, FULLER of Manchester,
McALEVEY of Waterboro, Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox.

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

4 Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-J is enacted to read:

6 **§2332-J. Certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse
midwives as primary care providers**

8 With respect to managed care plans that require subscribers
10 to select primary care physicians, a nonprofit hospital and
12 medical service organization that issues individual and group
14 contracts must permit a certified nurse practitioner or certified
16 nurse midwife to serve as a primary care provider for services
18 provided within the scope of the certified nurse practitioner's
or certified nurse midwife's license, regardless of whether the
certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife is under
the supervision of a physician, subject to reasonable
credentialing standards established by the organization.

20 Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2756 is enacted to read:

22 **§2756. Certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse
midwives as primary care providers**

24 With respect to managed care plans that require individuals
26 to select primary care physicians, an insurer that issues
28 individual contracts must permit a certified nurse practitioner
30 or certified nurse midwife to serve as a primary care provider
32 for services provided within the scope of the certified nurse
practitioner's or certified nurse midwife's license, regardless
of whether the certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse
midwife is under the supervision of a physician, subject to
reasonable credentialing standards established by the insurer.

34 Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2847-G is enacted to read:

36 **§2847-G. Certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse
midwives as primary care providers**

38 With respect to managed care plans that require individual
40 group members to select primary care physicians, an insurer that
42 issues group contracts must permit a certified nurse practitioner
44 or certified nurse midwife to serve as a primary care provider
46 for services provided within the scope of the certified nurse
practitioner's or certified nurse midwife's license, regardless
of whether the certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse
midwife is under the supervision of a physician, subject to
reasonable credentialing standards established by the insurer.

48 Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4245 is enacted to read:
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2 **§4245. Certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse**
3 **midwives as primary care providers**

4 With respect to managed care plans that require enrollees to
5 select primary care physicians, a health maintenance organization
6 that issues individual and group contracts must permit a
7 certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife to serve
8 as a primary care provider for services provided within the scope
9 of the certified nurse practitioner's or certified nurse
10 midwife's license, regardless of whether the certified nurse
11 practitioner or certified nurse midwife is under the supervision
12 of a physician, subject to reasonable credentialing standards
13 established by the health maintenance organization.

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17 **SUMMARY**

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20 This bill allows certified nurse practitioners and certified
21 nurse midwives participating in managed care plans to serve as
22 primary care providers.