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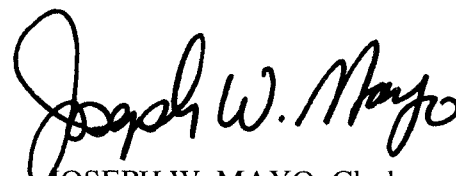
No. 1950

H.P. 1350

House of Representatives, March 18, 1999

**An Act to Change the Membership of the Medicaid Advisory Committee
and the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, NUTTING of Oakland, SHOREY of
Calais, Senator: MacKINNON of York.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8703, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 568,
§1, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Board of directors.** The organization operates under the
supervision of a board of directors, which consists of ~~18~~ 19
8 voting members.

10 A. The Governor shall appoint ~~16~~ 17 board members in
accordance with the following requirements. Appointments by
12 the Governor are not subject to review or confirmation.

14 (1) Three members must represent consumers. For the
purposes of this section, "consumer" means a person who
16 is not affiliated with or employed by a 3rd-party
payor, a provider or an association representing those
18 providers or those 3rd-party payors.

20 (2) Three members must represent employers. One
member must be chosen from a list provided by a health
22 management coalition in this State.

24 (3) Two members must represent 3rd-party payors.

26 (4) ~~Eight~~ Nine members must represent providers. Two
provider members must represent hospitals chosen from a
28 list of at least 5 current hospital representatives
provided by the Maine Hospital Association. Two
30 provider members must be physicians or representatives
of physicians chosen from a list of at least 5 nominees
32 provided jointly by the Maine Medical Association and
the Maine Osteopathic Association. One provider member
34 must be a dentist chosen from a list of at least 3
nominees provided by the Maine Dental Association. One
36 provider member must be a chiropractor chosen from a
list provided by a statewide chiropractic association.
38 One provider member must be a pharmacist chosen from a
list provided by a statewide pharmacist association.
40 The names of pharmacists submitted by the statewide
pharmacist association must include only those
42 pharmacists registered and practicing in the State.
Two provider members must be representatives of other
44 health care providers, at least one of whom is a
46 current representative of a home health care company.

48 B. The commissioner shall appoint 2 members who are
employees of the department to represent the State's
interest in maintaining health data and to ensure that

2 information collected is available for determining public
health policy.

4 C. All appointments must be completed by May 1, 1996.

6 **Sec. 2. Deadline for appointing pharmacist member to Board of**
8 **Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization.** Notwithstanding the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 8703, subsection 2,
10 paragraph C, the pharmacist member of the Board of Directors of
the Maine Health Data Organization appointed pursuant to this Act
12 must be appointed no later than 60 days after the effective date
of this Act.

14 **Sec. 3. Department of Human Services to include pharmacist on**
16 **Medicaid Advisory Committee.** The Department of Human Services
shall include in the membership of the Medicaid Advisory
18 Committee a pharmacist member who is both registered and
practicing in the State. The department shall report back on
20 this change to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
Services no later than January 15, 2000.

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SUMMARY

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This bill amends the membership of the Board of Directors of
26 the Maine Health Data Organization to include a pharmacist
member. The pharmacist must be registered in the State and also
28 practicing pharmacy in the State to be eligible to serve as a
member on the board. The bill also directs the Department of
30 Human Services to include a pharmacist member on the Medicaid
Advisory Committee. The Department of Human Services shall
32 report back on this change to the Joint Standing Committee on
Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2000.