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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 26, L.D. 126, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Laws Governing Health Maintenance Organizations and Health Plans"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 742, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Demonstration of adequate access to providers. A carrier offering a managed care plan shall provide to its members reasonable access to health care services in accordance with standards developed by rule by the superintendent. These standards must consider the geographical and transportation problems in rural areas. All managed care plans covering residents of this State must provide reasonable access to providers consistent with the access-to-services requirements of any applicable bureau rule.

For the purposes of this subsection, "reasonable access to providers" may be construed to include managed care plans that provide different coinsurance or copayment provisions designed to encourage a member to use designated providers in a network, as long as the carrier's entire network meets access standards and as long as the coinsurance or copayment provisions do not:

A. Include coinsurance or copayment differentials that exceed 30%;

B. Apply to emergency services;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

