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S.P. 142

In Senate, January 27, 2005

An Act Providing Procedures To Protect Members upon Redesign of the MaineCare Program

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven and
Senators: ANDREWS of York, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, MAYO of Sagadahoc,
ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, LERMAN of Augusta.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-FF, sub-§3, ¶I** is enacted to read:

6 I. A member is eligible for covered services determined to
8 be medically necessary in addition to those provided or
10 limited under paragraphs A to H if failure to provide the
12 services would create a substantial likelihood that the
14 member's medical condition will deteriorate or if the
16 provision of those services would be cost-effective in
18 comparison to the provision of other covered medical
20 services for the treatment of the member's medical condition.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a member of MaineCare whose services are limited under MaineCare Basic is eligible for additional medically necessary services if failure to provide those services creates a substantial likelihood of deterioration of medical condition or if providing those services is cost-effective.