

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 442

House of Representatives, February 8, 2005

**An Act To Reconcile General Assistance Prescription Drug  
Payments with Changes in Federal Prescription Drug Card Benefits  
and with MaineCare Prescription Drug Payments**

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Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: MARRACHÉ of Waterville, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4305, sub-§3-C is enacted to read:

3-C. Health plan coverage; application. Notwithstanding the definition of "basic necessities" in section 4301, each municipality shall ensure that applicants that are receiving Medicare, MaineCare or Dirigo Health benefits do not receive general assistance to purchase prescriptions that are denied by Medicare, MaineCare, Dirigo Health or other prescription coverage plans.

**SUMMARY**

In anticipation of federal changes in prescription drug card benefits, this bill changes the law concerning the general assistance program for municipalities to specify that general assistance may not be given for applicants receiving Medicare, MaineCare or Dirigo Health, or other prescription coverage, for coverage denied by those programs.