

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 22, 2005

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**An Act To Require Health Insurers and Health Maintenance  
Organizations To Issue Uniform Prescription Drug Benefit Cards**

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Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and  
Senators: MILLS of Somerset, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: PILON of Saco,  
RICHARDSON of Warren.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4311-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§4311-A. Uniform prescription drug benefit information card**

8 **1. Uniform information required.** A carrier that issues a  
10 health plan that includes coverage for prescription drugs shall  
12 issue to its enrollees at the time of enrollment a card or other  
14 medium containing uniform standardized prescription drug  
information in a format approved by the superintendent. The  
carrier shall issue a revised card upon any change in the  
enrollee's information or other data included on the card.

16 **2. Minimum standards.** At a minimum, a uniform prescription  
18 drug benefit card must contain the following information:

20 **A. The card issuer's name or logo on the front of the card;**

22 **B. The enrollee's name and identification displayed on the**  
24 **front of the card;**

26 **C. The enrollee's group number when required for proper**  
28 **claims administration;**

30 **D. If applicable, the name and address of the benefits**  
32 **administrator or other entity responsible for prescription**  
34 **claims submission; and**

36 **E. Any electronic transaction routing information and other**  
38 **information required by the carrier, benefits administrator**  
40 **or other entity to process a prescription claim**  
42 **electronically.**

44 **3. Alternative format.** The uniform prescription drug benefit  
46 information card or technology may be in a format approved by the  
48 National Council for Prescription Drug Programs or its successor  
50 organization if it includes all of the required data fields and  
complies with the most recent pharmacy identification card or  
technology implementation guide produced by the National Council  
for Prescription Drug Programs.

52 **4. Separate card not required.** This section does not require  
54 a carrier to issue an identification card separate from any  
56 identification card issued to an enrollee to evidence coverage  
58 under a health plan if the identification card contains the  
60 information required pursuant to subsection 2 or 3.

62 **5. Rules.** The superintendent may adopt rules to implement  
64 the requirements of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this

2 subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,  
3 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

4 6. Application. This section applies to all policies,  
5 contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for  
6 delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January  
7 1, 2006. For purposes of this section, all contracts are deemed  
8 to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the  
9 contract date.

## 12 SUMMARY

14 This bill requires that health insurers and health  
15 maintenance organizations issue uniform prescription drug cards  
16 with standardized information relating to the prescription drug  
17 benefits provided under a health plan. The bill allows the  
18 standard information to be included on an existing identification  
19 card used by an insurer or health maintenance organization  
20 instead of requiring that the insurer or health maintenance  
21 organization issue a separate card. The bill applies to all  
22 policies, contracts and certificates issued on or after January  
1, 2006.