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An Act To Require Patients of Opioid Treatment Programs To Release Medical Information to a Designated Primary Care Physician

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

2	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20003, sub-§17-A is enacted to read:
3	17-A. Opioid treatment program. "Opioid treatment program" means a public
4	private or nonprofit treatment program for persons with a serious physiological opiate
5	addiction.
6	Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20054 is enacted to read:
7	§20054. Participation in opioid treatment programs
8	1. Required release of information. A person may not participate in an opioid
9	treatment program unless the person signs a release authorizing the program to provide
10	monthly clinical information to a primary care physician licensed to practice in the State
11	who is responsible for the person's general health care.
12	2. Monthly reports of clinical information. An opioid treatment program shall
13	report clinical information to each participant's primary care provider once a month.
14	3. Rules. The office shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted
15	pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375
16	subchapter 2-A.
17	SUMMARY
18	This bill prohibits a person from participating in an opioid treatment program unles
19	the person signs a release authorizing the program to provide monthly clinica
20	information to a primary care provider licensed to practice in the State who is responsible
21	for the person's general health care. It requires opioid treatment programs to repor
22	clinical information to each participant's primary care provider once a month. It require
23 24	the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse to adop routine technical rules.

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