

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1192

House of Representatives, December 22, 2017

### An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and  
Representatives: COREY of Windham, ESPLING of New Gloucester, PICCHIOTTI of  
Fairfield, STETKIS of Canaan, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, MAKER of  
Washington, MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-X, sub-§4, ¶¶H and I**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 511,  
3 §1, are amended to read:

4 H. Apply for and use grants, gifts and funds for the purpose of performing the duties  
5 of the program; ~~and~~

6 I. Collect and analyze records and data relevant to the duties and activities of the  
7 program and make reports as required by law or as the department considers  
8 appropriate; and

9 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-X, sub-§4, ¶J** is enacted to read:

10 J. In the case of an eligible member who qualifies for health insurance coverage  
11 under the federal Affordable Care Act, as defined in Title 24-A, section 14, during a  
12 special enrollment period pursuant to 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section  
13 155.420, support that eligible member in applying for federal Affordable Care Act  
14 special enrollment health insurance coverage to be paid for by the eligible member.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows Medicaid contracted ombudsman support services to be expanded to  
17 support an eligible member applying for federal Affordable Care Act special enrollment  
18 health insurance coverage to be paid for by the eligible member.