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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 421, L.D. 1353, Bill, "An Act To Establish Transparency in Primary Health Care Spending"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6903, sub-§13-B is enacted to read:

13-B. Primary care. "Primary care" means regular check-ups, wellness and general health care provided by a provider with whom a patient has initial contact for a health issue, not including an urgent care or emergency health issue, and by whom the patient may be referred to a specialist.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §6951, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Primary care reporting. Beginning January 15, 2020 and annually thereafter, the forum shall submit to the Department of Health and Human Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage and health insurance matters a report on primary care spending using claims data from the Maine Health Data Organization and information on the methods used to reimburse primary care providers requested annually from payors, as defined in Title 22, section 8702, subsection 8. The report must include:

A. Of their respective total medical expenditures, the percentage paid for primary care by commercial insurers, the MaineCare program, Medicare, the organization that administers health insurance for state employees and the Maine Education Association benefits trust and the average percentage of total medical expenditures paid for primary care across all payors; and

B. The methods used by commercial insurers, the MaineCare program, Medicare, the organization that administers health insurance for state employees and the Maine Education Association benefits trust to pay for primary care.

Sec. 3. Maine Quality Forum to conduct health spending reporting study.
The Maine Quality Forum, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section

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1 6951, shall consult with other state and national agencies and organizations to determine
2 the best practices for reporting spending on primary care services by insurers. For
3 purposes of this section, "primary care" means regular check-ups, wellness and general
4 health care provided by a health care provider with whom a patient has initial contact for
5 a health issue, not including an urgent care or emergency health issue, and by whom the
6 patient may be referred to a specialist.'

7 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
8 section number to read consecutively.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Maine Quality Forum
11 to submit an annual report, beginning January 15, 2020, to the Department of Health and
12 Human Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
13 over health coverage and health insurance matters, based on claims data reported to the
14 Maine Health Data Organization and information on methods of reimbursement for
15 primary care reported by insurers. The annual report is required to include the percentage
16 of total medical expenditures paid for primary care by commercial insurers, the
17 MaineCare program, Medicare, the organization that administers health insurance for
18 state employees and the Maine Education Association benefits trust, the average
19 percentage of total medical expenditures paid for primary care across all payors and the
20 methods used by these organizations to pay for primary care. The amendment also
21 requires the Maine Quality Forum to consult with other state and national agencies and
22 organizations on best practices in health care spending reporting.

23 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

24 (See attached)



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LD 1353

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An Act To Establish Transparency in Primary Health Care Spending

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-156)
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Maine Quality Forum to meet the requirements in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.