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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services

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

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Presented by Representative ZAGER of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, NUTTING of Oakland, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules. 2 Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II 3 and III, Sections 19, 40 and 96 and Chapter 5: Office of Aging and Disability Services 4 Policy Manual, Section 63 in order to allow for reimbursement for a pharmacist licensed 5 6 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 117 to provide medication evaluation or consultation to a MaineCare member via telehealth or in a home visit when technology 7 8 is not the most effective mode of consultation.

9 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services' 10 office of MaineCare services shall report regarding the implementation of this legislation 11 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and 12 human services matters. The report must be submitted no later than December 5, 2024. The 13 committee may report out legislation to modify the rules amended pursuant to section 1 to 14 the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

SUMMARY 15 16 This resolve allows a pharmacist licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, 17 chapter 117 to be reimbursed for providing medication evaluation or consultation to a MaineCare member via telehealth or in a home visit when technology is not the most 18 19 effective mode of consultation for services. It directs the Department of Health and Human 20 Services to amend its rules under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II 21 and III, Sections 19, 40 and 96 and Chapter 5: Office of Aging and Disability Services 22 Policy Manual, Section 63 accordingly.