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House of Representatives, February 14, 2023

**An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision
by Requiring MaineCare and Health Insurance Coverage**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, PERRY of Calais,
TERRY of Gorham.

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

2 **PART A**

3 **Sec. A-1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§22**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 605, §3, is
4 further amended to read:

5 **22. Title 24-A, section 4320-M.** Coverage for abortion services, Title 24-A, section
6 4320-M; and

7 **Sec. A-2. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§23**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 605, §4, is
8 amended to read:

9 **23. Title 24-A, sections 2766-A and 2847-W.** The prohibition on a dental benefit
10 waiting period for persons under 19 years of age, Title 24-A, sections 2766-A and 2847-W;
11 and

12 **Sec. A-3. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§24** is enacted to read:

13 **24. Title 24-A, sections 2743-C and 2834-E.** Coverage for newly born male infant
14 circumcision, Title 24-A, sections 2743-C and 2834-E.

15 **Sec. A-4. 24-A MRSA §2743-C** is enacted to read:

16 **§2743-C. Coverage for newly born male infant circumcision**

17 An insurer that issues individual contracts providing maternity benefits, including
18 benefits for childbirth, shall provide coverage for circumcision of a newly born male infant.

19 **Sec. A-5. 24-A MRSA §2834-E** is enacted to read:

20 **§2834-E. Coverage for newly born male infant circumcision**

21 An insurer that issues group contracts and certificates providing maternity benefits,
22 including benefits for childbirth, shall provide coverage for circumcision of a newly born
23 male infant.

24 **Sec. A-6. 24-A MRSA §4234-G** is enacted to read:

25 **§4234-G. Coverage for newly born male infant circumcision**

26 A health maintenance organization that issues individual and group contracts providing
27 maternity benefits, including benefits for childbirth, shall provide coverage for
28 circumcision for a newly born male infant.

29 **Sec. A-7. Application.** The requirements of this Part apply to all policies, contracts
30 and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State
31 on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Part, all policies, contracts and certificates
32 are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

33 **PART B**

34 **Sec. B-1. 22 MRSA §3174-KKK** is enacted to read:

35 **§3174-KKK. Reimbursement for costs of circumcision**

36 Beginning January 1, 2024, the department shall provide reimbursement under the
37 MaineCare program for the costs of circumcision for a newly born male infant.

SUMMARY

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Part A of this bill requires health insurance coverage for newly born male infant circumcision. The requirements apply beginning on January 1, 2024.

Part B of this bill requires the MaineCare program to provide reimbursement for the costs of newly born male infant circumcision beginning January 1, 2024.