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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 432, L.D. 663, "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome"

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-W is enacted to read:

§4320-W. Coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome

A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric postinfectious neuroimmune disorders including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Treatments that must be covered include, but are not limited to, long-term antibiotics, intravenous immunoglobulin therapy, steroids, plasmapheresis and psychopharmacological interventions. Coverage may not be excluded due to the diagnosis of autoimmune encephalopathy or autoimmune encephalitis.

Sec. 2. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2025. For purposes of this Act all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the cost of the benefit mandate providing coverage for treatment of pediatric postinfectious neuroimmune disorders including pediatric

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autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, beginning January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$395,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$395,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the applicability date for the requirements in the bill to be incorporated into health plans to those health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025 and changes the statutory allocation. The amendment also adds an appropriation to provide ongoing funding for the costs of the benefit mandate defrayal required by federal law.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 663

LR 1074(02)

An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-916)
 Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$395,000	\$873,852	\$873,852
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$30,947	\$30,947
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$395,000	\$873,852	\$873,852
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$30,947	\$30,947

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for treatment of pediatric postinfectious neuroimmune disorders including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. The requirements of the bill apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025. The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$395,000 for the estimated cost to reimburse insurance carriers for 6 months of the State's defrayal cost of this new mandate. The mandate will go into effect on all health insurance plans on the marketplace beginning January 1, 2025 and is estimated to cost \$790,000 annually thereafter.

The State Employee Health Plan's first impacted plan year will be SFY 2026 and is estimated to cost \$185,724 annually thereafter. The costs are split across the General Fund (\$83,852), Highway Funds (\$30,947) and all other funds (\$70,925).