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House of Representatives, March 2, 2023

An Act to Allow Pharmacists to Provide Services Through Telehealth and Vending Machines at Federally Qualified Health Centers

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DAVIS of East Machias, MADIGAN of Waterville,
MORRIS of Turner, ROEDER of Bangor, STROUT of Harrington.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13849, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §19, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§13849. Telehealth services permitted

1. Telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.

2. Remote dispensing at federally qualified health center. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a pharmacist licensed under this chapter or a pharmacist who holds an active license in good standing in another state may provide telehealth services for a patient of a federally qualified health center in this State, including without limitation the delivery of such services by means of a pharmaceutical vending machine located at a federally qualified health center and operated in conjunction with counseling and dispensing services provided by the pharmacist.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes a pharmacist licensed in this State or licensed in another state to provide telehealth services for patients of a federally qualified health center in this State, including delivering those services through a pharmaceutical vending machine located at the health center.