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House of Representatives, March 21, 2023

An Act to Provide Alternative Methods of Payment to Health Care Providers

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 NUTTING of Oakland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 58, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1-A.** A claimant, including a health care provider, may submit simultaneously a claim
5 for payment with all carriers potentially liable for payment of the claim whether primary
6 or secondary. Payment or denial of a claim by each carrier must be made within 30 calendar
7 days after the carrier has received all information needed to pay or deny the claim whether
8 or not another carrier with which it is attempting to coordinate has acted on the claim. If a
9 carrier makes payments to a health care provider using an electronic processing method by
10 credit card or debit card, the carrier shall also offer the health care provider another method
11 of payment that does not require the provider to pay any additional fees or incur any costs
12 to accept payment of the claim. Any payment made must be in accordance with rules
13 adopted by the superintendent relative to coordination of benefits.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires a health insurance carrier to offer a health care provider at least one
16 method of payment for claims that does not require the health care provider to pay any
17 additional fees or incur any costs to accept payment from that carrier.