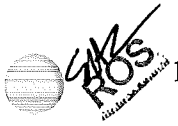


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L.D. 1577

Date: 4/2/24

Majority

(Filing No. H-915)

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. 1022, L.D. 1577, "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Title 24-A, sections 2745-H, 2837-I and 4237-B. Biomarker testing coverage, Title 24-A, sections 2745-H, 2837-I and 4237-B.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §2745-H in subsection 2 in the first line (page 4, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "individual" the following: 'health'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §2745-H in subsection 2 in the first 2 lines (page 4, lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", except those designed to cover only specific diseases, accidental injury or dental procedures,"

Amend the bill in section 3 in §2745-H by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 4, lines 32 to 35 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 4 in §2837-I in subsection 2 in the first line (page 5, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "group" the following: 'health'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §2837-I in subsection 2 in the first 2 lines (page 5, lines 21 and 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", except those designed to cover only specific diseases, accidental injury or dental procedures,"

Amend the bill in section 4 in §2837-I by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 6, lines 6 to 9 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 5 in §4237-B by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 7, lines 22 to 26 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 6 in the 2nd line (page 7, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", Title 24, section 2320-H"

Amend the bill in section 6 in the last line (page 7, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the effective date of this Act" and inserting the following: 'January 1, 2025'

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

2 **Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the cost of the benefit mandate providing coverage,
7 including coverage in the MaineCare program, for biomarker testing, beginning January 1,
8 2025.

9 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
10 All Other	\$0	\$170,000
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12 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$170,000

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

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment changes the
18 applicability date for the requirements in the bill to be incorporated into health plans to
19 those health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025. The amendment makes
20 changes to remove unnecessary language and adds a provision to make the requirements
21 applicable to nonprofit hospital or health service organizations by cross-reference in place
22 of substantive language.

23 The amendment also adds an appropriation to provide ongoing funding for the costs of
24 the benefit mandate defrayal required by federal law.

25 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

26 **(See attached)**



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1577

LR 655(02)

An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-915)
 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	\$170,000	\$359,565	\$359,565
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$7,221	\$7,221
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$170,000	\$359,565	\$359,565
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$7,221	\$7,221

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage, including coverage in the MaineCare program, for biomarker testing. 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 \$170,000 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 \$340,000 annually thereafter.

The State Employee Health Plan's first impacted plan year will be SFY 2026 and is estimated to cost \$43,335 annually thereafter. The costs are split across the General Fund (\$19,565), Highway Funds (\$7,221) and all other funds (\$16,549).