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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1317, L.D. 2055, "An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Implementing Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program Unless Mandated by the Federal Government"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program'

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-NNN is enacted to read:

§3174-NNN. Rules regarding electronic visit verification for hospice services

The department may adopt rules regarding the use of electronic visit verification for providers offering hospice services under the MaineCare program. Rules adopted under this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. For purposes of this section, "electronic visit verification" means a system under which visits conducted as part of hospice services are electronically verified with respect to the type of service performed, the individual receiving the service, the date of the service, the location of service delivery, the individual providing the service and the time the service begins and ends.

Sec. 2. Department to delay implementation of electronic visit verification for hospice services. The Department of Health and Human Services may not implement electronic visit verification earlier than March 1, 2025 for providers offering hospice services under the MaineCare program.

Sec. 3. Report. By February 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over

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1 health and human services matters on efforts to combat fraud, waste and abuse in the
2 delivery of hospice services, shall include in the report information on federal initiatives
3 that include Medicaid hospice providers and shall make recommendations regarding the
4 application of electronic visit verification to hospice services under the MaineCare
5 program.'

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

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It makes rules regarding
10 electronic visit verification for providers offering hospice services under the MaineCare
11 program major substantive rules, prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services
12 from implementing electronic visit verification earlier than March 1, 2025 and directs the
13 department by February 1, 2025 to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
14 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on efforts to combat fraud,
15 waste and abuse in the delivery of hospice services, to include in the report information on
16 federal initiatives that include Medicaid hospice providers and to make recommendations
17 regarding the application of electronic visit verification to hospice services under the
18 MaineCare program. The amendment also removes the emergency preamble and
19 emergency clause.

20 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

21 (See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-806)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.