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goods purchased during the primary election cycle are used during the general election cycle. The change must also provide that, upon complaint regarding the use of goods and services purchased during a primary election during a general election, the commission may request a report of such expenditures.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 112

H.P. 1002 - L.D. 1438

Resolve, Regarding Discharges from Hospitals

Sec. 1. Hospital discharge guidelines. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a working group of interested parties for the purpose of developing hospital discharge guidelines for patients who are ready for discharge to community-based or facility-based long-term care services. The guidelines must take into consideration the resources that are available to meet the clinical needs of the patient, the recommendations of the patient's health care provider and the preferences of the patient and patient's family. The department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2006 regarding the hospital discharge guidelines.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 113

S.P. 493 - L.D. 1404

Resolve, To Increase the Quality of Care and Reduce Administrative Burdens in the Pharmacy Prior Approval Process

Sec. 1. Preferred drug lists and prior authorization. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall take the following actions to promote the quality of care and reduce administrative burdens in the pharmacy prior approval process.

1. The department shall specify on the preferred drug list and on the prior authorization form the number, titration if required and classes of preferred drugs that must be determined to be clinically inappropriate or ineffective before the department will permit the use of a nonpreferred drug.

2. In the next changes to the MaineCare Benefits Manual, but no later than January 15, 2006, the department shall adopt a provision to articulate the current standards for off-label drug use of prescription drugs for children.

3. The department shall change the prior authorization forms to provide examples of clinical conditions and functional limitations that could support a waiver of prior authorization.

4. By January 2006, the department shall amend its rules regarding prior authorization to include the criteria for approving special exception overrides. The department shall arrange to modify the message screen to include a reminder that overrides may be available. The message format must comply with National Council for Prescription Drug Programs standards.

5. By October 1, 2005, the department shall minimize the burden on providers of submitting duplicative medical records on behalf of a MaineCare member. In order to reduce the submission of duplicate information, the department shall work to provide notice to providers of the types of documentation required and to create a prior authorization file for each member.

6. The department shall provide prompt notice of changes to the preferred drug list through posting on its website, its group electronic mailings regarding pharmacy issues and notices to provider organizations.

7. The department shall arrange to allow submission of the prior authorization form and other required documentation as an e-mail attachment when such submissions are feasible.

8. By January 15, 2006, the department shall amend its rules regarding the drug utilization review committee under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, chapter II, section 80.01-13 to establish conflict-of-interest standards for members of the committee.

9. The department shall consult with the MaineCare Advisory Committee on the design of future studies related to pharmacy prior authorization, including a survey of MaineCare members. The department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2006 on its progress in implementing this subsection.

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