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**CHAPTER 260
S.P. 229 - L.D. 636**

**An Act To Provide Consumers
of Health Care with
Information Regarding Health
Care Costs**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§20 is en-
acted to read:

20. Information about prescription drugs.
Consistent with the requirements of the federal Af-
fordable Care Act, a carrier offering a health plan in
this State shall provide the following information to
prospective enrollees and enrollees with respect to
prescription drug coverage on its publicly accessible
website.

A. A carrier shall post each prescription drug
formulary for each health plan offered by the car-
rier. The prescription drug formularies must be
posted in a manner that allows prospective enrol-
lees and enrollees to search the formularies and
compare formularies to determine whether a par-
ticular prescription drug is covered under a formu-
lary. When a change is made to a formulary, the
updated formulary must be posted on the website
within 72 hours.

B. A carrier shall provide an explanation of:

- (1) The requirements for utilization review,
prior authorization or step therapy for each
category of prescription drug covered under a
health plan;
- (2) The cost-sharing requirements for pre-
scription drug coverage, including a descrip-
tion of how the costs of prescription drugs
will specifically be applied or not applied to
any deductible or out-of-pocket maximum re-
quired under a health plan;
- (3) The exclusions from coverage under a
health plan and any restrictions on use or
quantity of covered health care services in
each category of benefits; and
- (4) The amount of coverage provided under a
health plan for out-of-network providers or
noncovered health care services and any right
of appeal available to an enrollee when out-
of-network providers or noncovered health
care services are medically necessary.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 261
S.P. 543 - L.D. 1441**

**An Act To Establish the Public
Higher Education Systems
Coordinating Committee**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §9, as amended by PL
2013, c. 368, Pt. DDDDD, §1, is repealed and the fol-
lowing enacted in its place:

**§9. Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating
Committee**

1. Committee established. The Public Higher
Education Systems Coordinating Committee, referred
to in this section as "the committee," is established to
promote efficiency, cooperative effort and strategic
planning between the University of Maine System and
the Maine Community College System, referred to in
this section as "the systems."

2. Membership. The committee consists of the
Chancellor of the University of Maine System, the
Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of
Maine System, the President of the Maine Community
College System and the Chair of the Board of Trustees
of the Maine Community College System. The mem-
bers of the committee may appoint designees to a sub-
committee.

3. Duties. The committee shall seek to achieve
greater collaboration and cooperation between the sys-
tems in order to address issues including, but not lim-
ited to, the following:

- A. Improving college affordability;
- B. Minimizing or eliminating barriers to student
transfer between the systems;
- C. Reducing unnecessary duplication of programs
between the systems;
- D. Identifying opportunities for sharing best prac-
tices and individual efficiencies, building cross-
system economies of scale and sharing of re-
sources;
- E. Recommending changes to state laws that
would improve the systems' efficiency or effec-
tiveness;
- F. In consultation with the President of the Maine
Maritime Academy and the Chair of the Board of
Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy, inves-
tigating and pursuing opportunities for collabora-
tion and resource sharing with the Maine Mari-
time Academy. The committee shall notify the
President of the Maine Maritime Academy of
committee meetings and agenda items; and