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inapplicable any rights granted to a mortgagee under the mortgage.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 648

H.P. 1410 - L.D. 1966

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Parking for Vehicles with Disability Placards and Plates

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§12, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 151, §1, is amended to read:

12. Parking at meters without charge. Pursuant to Title 30-A, section 3009, subsection 1, paragraph C, ~~subparagraph (4), a~~ A vehicle that exhibits a permanent placard, a temporary placard or a disability registration plate may park at a parking area ~~with a meter that is not a parking facility as defined in Title 30-A, section 5401, subsection 5~~ without a charge and may park a length of time that does not exceed twice the limit otherwise allowed.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2001, c. 151, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) A vehicle that exhibits a permanent placard, a temporary placard or a disability registration plate issued under Title 29-A, section 521 may park ~~at a parking area with a meter without a charge and may park a length of time that does not exceed twice the time limit otherwise allowed in accordance with Title 29-A, section 521, subsection 12.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 649

S.P. 676 - L.D. 1974

An Act To Promote Telehealth

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, case management services are an essential component of serving Medicaid members; and

Whereas, the emerging spread of COVID-19 may make it unsafe to provide in-person case management services to Medicaid members; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173-H, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 307, §2, is amended to read:

§3173-H. Services delivered through telehealth

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Asynchronous encounters" means the interaction or consultation between a patient and ~~a health professional the patient's provider or between health professionals regarding the patient~~ through a system with the ability to store digital information, including, but not limited to, still images, video, audio and text files, and other relevant data in one location and subsequently transmit such information for interpretation at a remote site by health professionals without requiring the simultaneous presence of the patient or the ~~patient's provider~~ health professionals.

A-1. "Health professional" means a provider or an individual, facility or organization with whom a provider consults in order to provide care to a patient.

A-2. "Patient" means a MaineCare member.

A-3. "Provider" means an individual, a facility or an organization that provides services under the MaineCare program.

B. "Store and forward transfers" means transmission of a patient's recorded health history through a secure electronic system to a ~~provider~~ health professional.

C. "Synchronous encounters" means a real-time interaction conducted with interactive audio or video connection between a patient and the patient's provider or between ~~providers~~ health professionals regarding the patient.

D. "Telehealth," as it pertains to the delivery of ~~health care~~ MaineCare services, means the use of interactive ~~real-time~~ visual and audio or other electronic media for the purpose of consultation and education concerning and diagnosis, treatment, care management and self-management of a patient's physical and mental health and includes real-time interaction between the patient and the ~~telehealth~~ patient's provider, electronic consultation between health professionals regarding the patient, synchronous encounters, asynchronous encounters, store and forward transfers and remote patient