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TO: Members of the Legislative Council, 120th Legislature

FROM: Dora Anne Mills, MD, MPH  
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DATE: August 29, 2001

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of our implementation of PL 439, Section LL-7, which states:

"The Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health may establish, through contract or otherwise, the Maine Center for End-of-Life-Care. The purpose of the center is to educate health care providers and the public regarding pain management and palliative and end-of-life care."

After meeting with a number of stakeholders on end-of-life care, including some legislators, it was clear to me that all of them felt the most appropriate place for the Maine Center for End-of-Life Care is the Maine Hospice Council. I am therefore writing to inform you of the creation of the Center within the Maine Hospice Council.

The Bureau of Health, including myself, will assist in any way possible in further establishing this Center. For instance, we have included a request for some funding for the Center in a recent grant application for comprehensive cancer control to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition, I am currently serving on a committee that is working to implement all aspects of Maine's end-of-life care initiative included in PL 439.

If any of you have questions pertaining to this, please feel free to call me. Additionally, I want to thank you for passing such first in the nation legislation pertaining to end of life care. You exemplify our motto of "Dirigo" and make us all very proud to be from Maine!

cc: Michael Michaud, President of the Senate  
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Members, Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
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