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ON
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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 980**An Act to Increase Access to Nontraditional Medical Alternatives****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE	ONTP MAJ	
SULLIVAN	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 980 proposed to require all managed care plans to provide coverage for nontraditional medical alternatives when the enrollee is referred for those services by a physician. The bill would have applied to all individual and group managed care plan contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2000.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-199) was the minority report. It proposed to clarify that coverage must be provided for alternative healthcare services provided by licensed naturopathic doctors, acupuncturists, massage therapists and dietitians when a referral is made by an enrollee's primary care provider.

The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation and allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill. Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 988**An Act to Facilitate the Collection of Data Concerning the Health Care Services Provided by Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT	ONTP	

LD 988 proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, health insurers and health maintenance organizations assign identification numbers to certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives that provide services under individual and group contracts. It also proposed to require that claims submissions include the identification numbers of any certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife that provided services related to the claim. The bill further proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, health insurers and health maintenance organizations file annual reports with the Superintendent of Insurance outlining their experience related to services provided by certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives.

The substantive provisions of LD 988 were incorporated into Committee Amendment "A" to LD 857.

LD 989**An Act to Ensure Access to Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERUBE CHIZMAR	ONTP	

LD 989 proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, insurers and health maintenance organizations provide coverage for cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services. The bill would have applied to all individual and group policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2000.