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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment:

1. Authorizes pharmacies to charge MaineCare members copayments for prescription drugs dispensed and allows pharmacies to refuse to dispense if copayments are not paid as long as certain procedures are in place and are followed by the Department of Health and Human Services and the pharmacies;
2. Adds a provision requiring notice to MaineCare members of copayment requirements;
3. Provides an effective date for the statutory changes upon amendment and federal approval of the Medicaid state plan but no earlier than October 1, 2011;
4. Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review the cost of dispensing a prescription drug under the MaineCare program, to review other information available on pharmacy reimbursement and to report by January 15, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with recommendations regarding the dispensing fee; and
5. Adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-345)

This amendment strikes the appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 458 amends MaineCare pharmacy benefits for MaineCare members, making the pharmacy copay mandatory by enacting the following:

1. Authorizing pharmacies to charge MaineCare members copayments for prescription drugs dispensed and allowing pharmacies to refuse to dispense if copayments are not paid as long as certain procedures are in place and are followed by the Department of Health and Human Services and the pharmacies;
2. Adding a provision requiring notice to MaineCare members of copayment requirements;
3. Providing an effective date for the statutory changes upon amendment and federal approval of the Medicaid state plan but no earlier than October 1, 2011; and
4. Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to review the cost of dispensing a prescription drug under the MaineCare program, to review other information available on pharmacy reimbursement and to report by January 15, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with recommendations regarding the dispensing fee.

LD 353

An Act Regarding Agencies Contracted by the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Regulatory Oversight and Billing Services

ONTP

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

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules regarding contracts for regulatory oversight and billing services for service providers to require proof that the contractor has obtained financial securitization for all financial obligations, even if the contractor ceases doing business.