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LD 85 An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 708 provides reimbursement under the MaineCare program for pasteurized donor breast milk provided to an infant if the infant meets certain criteria. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment or waiver to the United States, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by January 1, 2023 and provides funding.

LD 343 Resolve, To Review Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Spending

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 159 directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to establish a process to review Department of Health and Human Services spending of funds received pursuant to the federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. It requires the commissioner to establish a partnership to conduct this review. The partnership is to be among representatives of tribal public health districts, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations and the department. The partnership is required to review the following:

1. The total amount of block grant funds received by the State;
2. The entities and programs funded by the block grant;
3. The populations served by the entities and programs funded by the block grant;
4. The decision-making process the department uses to determine what entities and programs receive block grant funding and how much each receives;
5. The effects and outcomes in populations served by the entities and programs funded by the block grant;
6. How best to define "vulnerable populations" within the State; and
7. Existing gaps in programs for vulnerable populations funded by the block grant.

It requires the commissioner to submit a report, drafted by the partnership, with recommendations, including recommendations for the establishment of a permanent partnership to review federal block grants received by the department, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, by February 1, 2023. The joint standing committee may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to the 131st Legislature in 2023.