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LD 206 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 234: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 44 authorizes, subject to the incorporation of specified amendments, final adoption of Chapter 234: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Rule, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention that was submitted to the Legislature for review. The resolve directs the department to amend its rules to decrease the lead level from 15 parts per billion to four parts per billion, remove the maximum number of hours a water sample may have been motionless prior to the collection of samples, provide that excessive flushing of pipes may not take place immediately prior to the minimum eight-hour nonusage period in order to ensure that the sample represents a period of normal use and reduce the number of days that schools have to provide public notice.

LD 265 An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 461 extends the period of time following delivery of a baby that a woman may be eligible for services under MaineCare. Specifically, it provides that MaineCare coverage must be extended beyond the current requirement of 60 days postpartum to a woman whose family's income is equal to or below 200% of the nonfarm income official poverty line and a woman who is a noncitizen legally admitted to the United States as follows:

1. From January 1, 2022 until June 30, 2022, a qualified woman is covered up to six months following delivery;
2. From July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023, a qualified woman is covered up to nine months following delivery; and
3. From July 1, 2023 until December 31, 2026, a qualified woman is covered up to 12 months following delivery.

The law directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a waiver or state plan amendment request no later than January 1, 2022 to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the provisions of this legislation that extend MaineCare. The department is required to take all reasonable and necessary steps to seek approval of the waiver or state plan amendment. The law also requires the department to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, beginning February 1, 2023 and until February 1, 2026, about the extension of postpartum coverage to 12 months and authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to each report.

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES