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LD 590 An Act To Require MaineCare Coverage for Ostomy Equipment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 467 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 60 to reimburse ostomy equipment and supplies at no less than 85% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed by the department as of January 1, 2021. It also provides reimbursement for ostomy equipment and supplies when prescribed or recommended by an authorized health care practitioner, not just a physician.

LD 595 Resolve, To Ensure That Access to Oral and Facial Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Maine Remains Viable

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 112 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its reimbursement rate under the MaineCare program for dental code 41899 to \$1,250 for freestanding ambulatory surgical centers performing procedures on the dentoalveolar structure.

Resolve 2021, chapter 112 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 15, 2021.

LD 606 An Act Regarding the Child Protection System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 110 provides that the Department of Health and Human Services may cooperate and coordinate with service providers throughout the period of time the department is involved with a family and child. It requires the department to establish and maintain a policy that requires caseworkers to receive information throughout the period of time the department is involved with a family and child directly from the providers in order to coordinate resources and inform the risk and safety assessment of the child. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2022 on the policy and authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.