

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LD 541 An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 423 reduces the frequency with which updates of price information must be posted on the Maine Health Data Organization's website from twice annually to once annually and also repeals the provisions requiring annual reports related to the 15 most common outpatient procedures and the services and procedures most often provided by physicians in a private office setting.

The law directs the Department of Health and Human Services to report cancer-incidence registry data and vital statistics data to the Maine Health Data Organization. The law authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization and Department of Health and Human Services to jointly adopt rules related to the reporting to the organization of data from the statewide cancer-incidence registry and data related to vital statistics. The data may be released to the public only in accordance with the Maine Health Data Organization's rule governing release of data to the public.

The law establishes the Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the organization regarding public reporting of health care trends developed from data reported to the organization.

The law also directs the Maine Health Data Organization to develop and maintain a multipayer provider database and service locator tool in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services.

**LD 600 An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 79 requires individual and group health insurance policies and contracts to provide coverage for services performed by a certified midwife when those services are within the lawful scope of practice of the certified midwife.

The law applies to individual and group health insurance policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022.

**LD 603 An Act Regarding the Practice of Pharmacy**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 146 amends the definitions of the terms "pharmacist" and "practice of pharmacy" in the Maine Pharmacy Act to clarify that a "pharmacist" is a provider of health care services and the "practice of pharmacy" is the provision of specified health care services. It also requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy to

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establish the specifications for administering medications, drugs, devices and other materials within the practice of pharmacy.

**LD 615 An Act To Remove the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification Requirement for Dental Therapists**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 44 repeals the requirement that a dental hygienist who applies for dental therapist authority provide verification of a current advanced cardiac life support certification.

Public Law 2021, chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2021.

**LD 631 An Act To Provide Funding for Maine's Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 206 clarifies that the State is responsible for funding the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program.

The law also provides continued funding of \$200,000 for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 through a transfer of available Other Special Revenue Funds balances from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General.

**LD 653 An Act To Provide Maine Residents Losing Employer-based Health Coverage with Information about Other Coverage**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 80 requires insurers, when terminating group health coverage, to provide information to policyholders, including employers, that can be shared with group members about their eligibility for any special enrollment period to purchase an individual health plan pursuant to the federal Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act and about the availability of public health coverage options like MaineCare. The law also adds minimum requirements as to the content of the form provided to policy holders.