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LD 1036 An Act To Allow a State Employee To Use a Federal Military Health Insurance Program and Reenroll upon Retirement in the State's Group Health Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 341 authorizes a person participating in the State's group health plan who becomes eligible for coverage through the federal military health insurance program to decline coverage under the state's group health plan and reenroll in the plan at a later date. The law clarifies that the person remains eligible for coverage under the State's group health plan as a retiree and applies similar conditions for reenrollment that currently apply to certain retirees eligible to reenroll in coverage.

LD 1045 An Act To Support Universal Health Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 391 establishes the Maine Health Care Plan to provide for all medically necessary health care services for all residents of this State and establishes the Maine Health Care Board to oversee planning and implementation of the plan. The law provides that the effective date of the legislation is contingent on the enactment of federal law authorizing a state to obtain a waiver to establish a state-based universal health care plan and to receive federal financing for that plan. The law requires that members of the board be appointed by the Governor within 60 days of the effective date.

The plan must be designed by the Maine Health Care Board in accordance with any requirements of federal law and may not be implemented until the State obtains a waiver for a state-based universal health care plan and receives federal financing to support the implementation of such a plan and until legislation is enacted to establish requirements for benefits under the plan; eligibility for the plan; provider participation and payments; and financing for the plan. Upon federal approval of a waiver or, if required by federal law or regulation, prior to submission of a waiver application, the law requires the board to make recommendations for legislation and directs the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage matters to report out legislation based on the board's recommendations to any regular or special session of the Legislature.

LD 1115 An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 265 makes the following changes to improve access to HIV prevention drugs.

The law requires that any drug formulary used in the MaineCare program must ensure that HIV prevention drugs are available to members covered by MaineCare.

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