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LD 1771 Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 177 establishes the Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State. The panel shall study the implications of genome-editing technology and the legislative, administrative or other steps that the State should take to capitalize on the potential and avoid the hazards of genome-editing technology. In performing its duties, the panel shall solicit the testimony, advice or participation of persons with a wide range of backgrounds or areas of expertise. Outside funding is required to fund the activities of the panel. The report of the panel must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 2, 2022.

LD 1781 An Act To Align Postpartum MaineCare Coverage with Federal Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 519 aligns state law with the requirements under federal law to allow for postpartum MaineCare coverage for a qualified woman and a noncitizen legal admitted to the United States. It repeals provisions enacted by Public Law 2021, chapter 461 that expanded postpartum coverage on a graduated schedule and replaces them with coverage beginning August 1, 2022. It clarifies that, in order to receive postpartum MaineCare coverage, a noncitizen legal admitted to the United States must be otherwise eligible for MaineCare and corrects the income eligibility to 209% of the nonfarm income official poverty line. It also clarifies that expanded postpartum MaineCare coverage for qualified women is allowed as long as federal law allows for it; the new federal option for 12 months of postpartum coverage is currently set to expire on April 1, 2027.

LD 1787 An Act to Improve the Quality and Affordability of Health Care Provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2021, chapter 747 provides for rebasing of MaineCare federally qualified health center reimbursement rates to provide that:

1. By March 1, 2023, an alternative, updated prospective payment method for each federally qualified health center that is the same as the prospective payment system set forth in 42 United States Code, Section 1396a(bb)(3), except that the base year for determining the costs of providing services must be the average of the reasonable costs incurred in the center's fiscal