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LD 1882 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Requirements for Certification of Micropigmentation Practitioners

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 146 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review and evaluate training and board certification requirements for engaging in the practice of micropigmentation. The resolve requires that the department must address how to increase access to the field of micropigmentation, including by reducing the number of training hours required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 4313. By November 2, 2022, the department shall submit a report to Legislature regarding the results of the review and evaluation.

Resolve 2021, chapter 146 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2022.

LD 1887 An Act To Establish the Securities Restitution Assistance Fund for Victims of Securities Violations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 576 establishes in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Securities the Securities Restitution Assistance Fund. The fund will be used to provide financial assistance to victims of securities violations that were awarded restitution in a final order issued by the Securities Administrator or were awarded restitution in a final order in a legal action initiated by the administrator but did not receive the full amount of restitution ordered before the application for restitution assistance was due. The fund is funded initially by a one-time transfer of \$350,000 from the available balance of the dedicated revenue of the Office of Securities. Thereafter, the fund will be funded by a portion of agent and investment adviser representative renewal license fees and any grants, donations or other money received by the administrator for victim restitution assistance.

LD 1910 An Act To Improve Children’s Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for Certain Mental Health Treatment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 595 clarifies that health insurance carriers may not deny treatment for mental health treatment services that use evidence-based practices and are determined to be medically necessary health care for an individual 21 years of age or younger. The law defines “evidence-based practices” as clinically sound and scientifically based policies, practices and programs that reflect expert consensus on the prevention, treatment and recovery science, including, but not limited to, policies, practices and programs published and disseminated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the What Works Clearinghouse within the United States Department of Education, Institute of

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Education Sciences and the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare within the California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

The law also makes technical changes to state law requirements related to mental health parity to be consistent with federal law and regulations. Changes to the mental health parity provisions were initially codified in state law in Public Law 2019, chapter 5, Part D, but these technical changes were not included at that time.

Public Law 2021, chapter 595 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2022.

LD 1920 An Act To Enact the Interstate Counseling Compact To Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine’s Provider Workforce

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 547 enacts the Interstate Counseling Compact, which provides a mechanism to facilitate interstate practice of licensed professional counselors in order to improve public access to professional counseling services.

LD 1954 An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Contraceptives

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 609 requires health insurance policies to cover all contraceptive drugs, devices and products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of a contraceptive supply, an insurer or a health maintenance organization is not required to cover all those therapeutically equivalent versions, as long as at least one is covered without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement. It also requires all individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan policies and contracts and all nonprofit health plan policies and contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs or outpatient services to provide coverage for the furnishing or dispensing of prescribed contraceptive drugs, devices and products intended to last for a 12-month period, as is required of other types of health insurance policies.

The law’s requirements apply to individual and group policies and contracts issued by insurers and health maintenance organizations issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2023.

The law also includes language stating the Legislature’s finding that the changes are not an addition to the State’s essential health benefits that would require the State to defray costs pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.