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3. It establishes that, in determining any increase according to the United States Consumer Price Index, consideration must be given to the goal of reaching, within a reasonable time, a benefit level equal to or consistent with the current budget at the lower level of living for an individual, rather than a retired couple, established by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for Portland, Maine.

LD 1216 An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 610 repeals a section of law that requires crisis intervention services in four counties and replaces it with a requirement for crisis intervention support services to be made available by the Department of Health and Human Services in all 16 counties in the State. The law requires that a community-based telephone crisis intervention hotline be provided by crisis intervention support services. The hotline must coordinate with the national 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline.

LD 1277 An Act Regarding Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Activities

Public Law 2025, chapter 760 removes anabolic steroids from the definition of “controlled substance” in the laws governing controlled substances prescription monitoring and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to purge from the records of the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program all information concerning the prescribing and dispensing of anabolic steroids. The law also provides funding for database maintenance to implement this exception of anabolic steroids from the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.

LD 1426 Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment

Resolve 2025, chapter 119 requires that, by March 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services issue a request for applications for a pilot program to develop child assertive community treatment team services in the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. The request for applications must require the awardees of the grants to use workforce incentives designed to attract, train and retain child assertive community treatment team staff. The department is required to engage in a competitive process to determine the awardees. The term of the contract may not exceed two years. The law provides one-time funding for the child assertive community treatment team. Within 90 days following the conclusion of the pilot program, the department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing the outcomes and recommendations for continuation of the pilot programs.

Resolve 2025, chapter 119 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 119 became law without the Governor’s signature, and as an emergency measure, effective January 11, 2026.

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Resolve 2025, chapter 119 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the date for the request for applications from March 1, 2026 to March 1, 2027.

LD 1540 Resolve, Directing the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to Examine the Unmet Needs of Children Who Need Skilled Medical Care

Resolve 2025, chapter 128 requires the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a work group to examine the unmet needs of children who require skilled medical care and the families of those children. The council must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 31, 2026. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 128 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 128 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 128 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the reporting date to January 31, 2027 and to authorize the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to report out legislation in the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1583 An Act Regarding Home Health Care Services Ordered by a Physician Licensed Outside of Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 567 allows a home health care provider to deliver home health care to a patient who resides in this State based on an order from a physician in another state. It requires the home health care provider to be certified by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in addition to being licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services. The physician issuing the order must be licensed in another state, prescribe services pursuant to an in-person physical exam in the jurisdiction where the physician is licensed and may order services for no more than 90 days. The physician licensed in another state may provide telehealth services only to the patient for whom the order has been issued and is exempt from licensure by the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine or the Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure for this limited purpose.

LD 1677 An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 507 establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program, which the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention must administer in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services. The program's objectives