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LD 1511 An Act to Expand Direct Health Care Service Arrangements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 358 authorizes an individual to contract directly with a health care provider who is a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician or other advanced health care practitioner for the provision of any health care services. Prior to the enactment of Public Law 2025, chapter 358, such an arrangement was only authorized when the physician or advanced health care practitioner provides primary care services.

LD 1578 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 106 establishes the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State.

The law requires the commission to evaluate potential changes to the State's certificate of need laws, including, but not limited to, expanding the scope of review to the termination or disruption of health care services and changing the monetary thresholds that trigger review; evaluate potential legislative changes to require regulatory review and oversight of substantial health care transactions, such as transfers of ownership or control, among hospitals, health care facilities and health care provider organizations; and evaluate the role of a private equity company or real estate investment trust taking a direct or indirect ownership interest, operational control or financial control of a hospital in the State.

The law directs the commission to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than December 10, 2025 and authorizes the committee to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 106 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2025.

LD 1580 An Act to Prohibit Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers from Using Spread Pricing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 291 prohibits so-called spread pricing, which means amounts charged by a pharmacy benefits manager in excess of the ingredient cost for a dispensed prescription drug and the dispensing fee paid to the pharmacy or pharmacist less any pharmacy benefits management

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fee. This prohibition applies to contracts entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2026 and is repealed January 1, 2031.

LD 1615 Resolve, to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 107 establishes the Commission to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry. To address potential workforce shortages, the commission is directed to study integrating foreign-trained dentists and out-of-state dentists into the dental care workforce in a way that best reflects their level of skills and training and reducing barriers to licensing for foreign-trained dentists and dentists from other states. The commission is required to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than December 10, 2025.

Resolve 2025, chapter 107 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2025.

LD 1687 An Act to Clarify and Increase Access to HIV Prevention Medications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 483 clarifies that pharmacists are by law allowed to dispense HIV preventive oral medication and allows pharmacists to dispense injectable medication of any duration in certain circumstances. The law clarifies that health insurance carriers must authorize pharmacists that dispense HIV prevention drugs in accordance with the law to bill the carrier and receive payment directly. The law clarifies that health insurance carriers must provide coverage with no out-of-pocket cost for HIV prevention drugs for the prevention of the acquisition of HIV infection in accordance with a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force or equivalent rating from a successor organization and guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A carrier may not require prior authorization or step therapy requirements for those HIV prevention drugs.

Public Law 2025, chapter 483 also requires that, no later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Health and Human Services must provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program to pharmacists for prescribing, dispensing and administering HIV prevention drugs.