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progressive treatment program. It adds language stating that a private attorney representing an individual eligible to receive funds may also be reimbursed. It changes the cap for reimbursement from the fund from \$800 to an annual cap of \$3,500. It adds language stating that reimbursement is subject to available funds.

Public Law 2025, chapter 576 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2001 An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Facilities for Children and Adults Under the Health and Human Services Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 594 updates the laws governing the licensing and investigation of facilities for children and adults by clarifying the requirements regarding confidential abuse and neglect investigation records, requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, instead of the State Fire Marshal or other public safety inspectors, to inspect specialized children's homes and removing requirements for interagency licensing of children's homes between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education and for licensing of nursery schools. The law also corrects outdated references to "residential child care facilities" with the current term, "children's residential care facilities."

LD 2021 An Act to Add an Online Option for Reporting of Suspected Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Adults

Public Law 2025, chapter 541 adds the option of reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults to the Department of Health and Human Services using an online portal. This change aligns state law with federal regulations promulgated in June 2024 that require states to allow at least two methods of reporting, one of which must be online.

LD 2051 An Act to Ensure Access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 647 repeals language describing eligibility for the state Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It adds language clarifying current eligibility and establishing eligibility for the program for individuals who became ineligible for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under Public Law 119-21 (2025), commonly known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

LD 2083 An Act to Expand Access to Certified Residential Medication Aide Training

Public Law 2025, chapter 574 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a certificate to an individual who has successfully completed a department-approved certified residential medication aide course that meets the medication administration training requirements for unlicensed assistive personnel in accordance with rules established by the department for

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certain facilities. The law also requires the department to review the course curriculum at least every five years and allows the department to establish by rule certification fees and sanction fees for certified residential medication aides and instructors.

LD 2103 An Act Requiring Hospitals to Adopt Cybersecurity Plans

Public Law 2025, chapter 668 requires hospitals, beginning January 1, 2027, to adopt a cybersecurity plan that is consistent with best practices established by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; the United States Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council or its successor organization. It establishes requirements regarding testing and revising such plans, training of employees, post incident review, auditing and confidentiality.

LD 2105 An Act to Update Maine’s Mandated Reporting Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 667 makes the following changes to the mandated reporter law.

1. It replaces the list of mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1071, with a list that consolidates categories of mandated reporters and removes some categories from the list.
2. It removes the penalty for violations of the mandated reporter law and clarifies that the authority of an appropriate licensing board of a mandated reporter is not limited in taking action for a violation of the mandated reporter statutory requirements.
3. It requires a report of abuse or neglect to be made immediately but within no more than 24 hours.
4. It requires training for mandated reporters every two years instead of every four years.
5. It retains the current statutory structure of mandated reporters in institutions, agencies or facilities to use the designated agent system, although the person with first-hand information about suspected child abuse or neglect must make the report whenever possible. The institution, agency or facility may establish internal procedures to facilitate reporting. The person required to report may seek consultation to determine if a report is required.
6. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, rather than the mandated reporter, to report to the appropriate district attorney’s office when the abuse or neglect is caused by a person not responsible for the child.