Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative ZAGER of Portland.
Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules.

Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 19, 40 and 96 and Chapter 5: Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Section 63 in order to allow for reimbursement for a pharmacist licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 117 to provide medication evaluation or consultation to a MaineCare member via telehealth or in a home visit when technology is not the most effective mode of consultation.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services' office of MaineCare services shall report regarding the implementation of this legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The report must be submitted no later than December 5, 2024. The committee may report out legislation to modify the rules amended pursuant to section 1 to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

SUMMARY

This resolve allows a pharmacist licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 117 to be reimbursed for providing medication evaluation or consultation to a MaineCare member via telehealth or in a home visit when technology is not the most effective mode of consultation for services. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 19, 40 and 96 and Chapter 5: Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Section 63 accordingly.