

MaineHealth

Legislative Priorities for MaineHealth

- **New Legislation:**
 - **Patients Awaiting Placement:**
 - Address the ongoing crises of children in EDs for prolonged periods awaiting residential or inpatient beds (**Rep. Jay McCreight – LD 118**), and
 - **Telehealth:** Make permanent the COVID waivers related to payment parity for telephonic services and the ability to use verbal consent. (**Rep. Anne Perry - LR 920**)
 - **Doctors for Maine’s Future:** Continue funding for tuition scholarships for Maine Track and UNE students. (**Rep. Sam Zager – LD 273**)
 - **Continuing Education Requirement for Pharmacists:** Remove the drug administration continuing education requirement for pharmacists that are not licensed to administer immunizations. (**Rep. Denise Tepler - LR 1635**)
 - **Rights of Recipients:** Update the Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services to reflect current evidence-based treatment practice. (**Rep. Holly Stover – LR 702**)
 - **Behavioral Health:** Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a comprehensive, statewide strategic behavioral health plan to meet the needs of our communities (**Sen. Cathy Breen – LR 1937**)
- **Unfinished MaineHealth-sponsored Legislation from 129th Legislature:**
 - **An appropriate MaineCare reimbursement rate for the Sanford Behavioral Health Unit;** previously introduced as [LD 1856](#) (**Rep. Michele Meyer – LR 1035**)
 - **Study the involuntary commitment process,** including the Progressive Treatment Program (Green Paper); previously introduced as [LD 232](#) (**Rep. Anne Perry - LR 1233**)
 - **Funding for Coordinated Specialty Care for first episode of psychosis** (PIER Program at MMC); previously introduced as [LD 1461](#) (**Sen. Cathy Breen – LR 1884**)
- **MaineHealth also supports the Maine Hospital Association’s Legislative Agenda:**
 - **Yellow Flag:** legislation requiring the State to fulfill its obligation to create a network of clinicians to perform yellow flag assessments remotely. (**Rep. Richard Evans – LR 1119**)
 - **Insurance Reform:** legislation to require insurance companies collect their co-pays and co-insurance amounts rather than shifting that responsibilities to providers. (**Sen. Ned Claxton – LR 896**)
 - **Insurance Changes Notice:** require carriers to provide better notice when they make changes to their operational policies (like billing code changes). (**Rep. Josh Morris – LR 1424**)
 - **Pelvic Exam Clarification:** legislation to clarify what form of consent is required prior to the performance of pelvic, rectal, or prostate examinations. (**Rep. Vicki Doudera – LR 580**)
 - **Expediting Guardianship:** legislation to clarify that a patient whose discharge from a hospital is delayed until the appointment of a guardian, qualifies for emergency guardianship. (**Rep. Jay McCreight - LR 484**)

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