



“An Act To Support Universal Health Care” (LD 1045) became Maine law at the end of June 2021 ([Public Law Chapter 391](#)).

The original LD 1045 was a detailed plan for a publicly funded, privately delivered health care system for all Maine (the “MAINE HEALTH PLAN”) but it was amended to leave all the details of the plan to a MAINE HEALTH CARE BOARD.

However, one important next step has to take place before the Maine Health Care Board is established. The bill does not go into effect (the Maine Health Care Board is not created and cannot start working on a plan) until “enactment of federal law authorizing a state to obtain a waiver to establish a state-based universal health care plan and to receive federal financing for that plan.” Such financing would include redirected federal monies from Medicare, Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, etc.

Those of us who want a better universal health plan for Maine need to get our Congressional Representatives and Senators to vote for a “waiver bill.” Not only does such a bill--the [“State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2021” \(HR 3775\)](#)--exist, but the Maine Legislature has actually passed a [joint resolution](#) requesting Congress to pass it. Once that is done, Governor Mills would appoint the Maine Health Plan Board within 60 days.

So, the glass is half full and half empty. We don’t have a publicly funded, privately provided health care plan that covers everyone in Maine yet, but we **DO** have a path to make it happen; and that is more than we have ever had before.

If you live in District 1 - Please [contact Chellie Pingree’s office](#) and thank her for her support for HR 3775.

If you live in District 2 - Please [contact Jared Golden’s office](#) and tell him that you believe “the states can do it!” and that he must support, or even better cosponsor, HR 3775.

Thank you for doing this TODAY. You CAN make a difference!

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