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An Act to Create and Establish the All Maine Health Program

Overview: The All Maine Health Program (AMHP) is a proposal for a health care system that would **ensure that all Maine residents have affordable, comprehensive, and equitable health care**, publicly funded and publicly/privately provided.

- ✓ It will allow patients to choose their providers and will work to increase workforce numbers so that access to care is timely.
- ✓ It will lower costs by reducing administrative bureaucracy, not by restricting or denying care.
- ✓ It will use a simplified funding and payment system and provide adequate and timely negotiated payments to providers.

Key Components:

- **Structures:** It establishes an All Maine Health Agency (AMHA) and Offices overseen by an All Maine Health Board (AMHB) that will manage an All Maine Health Plan (AMHPlan).
- **Eligibility:** All residents of Maine are eligible for the AMHPlan, including individuals currently uninsured, individually insured through commercial insurance, covered through federal programs, and covered by self-insured and fully-insured employer plans.
- **Benefits:** It will include ACA essential benefits plus dental, vision and hearing benefits, but not long term care, which will still be covered through MaineCare.
- **Revenue Sources:** Funding will include federal funds accessed through Medicare, MaineCare, and Marketplace waivers together with income-based health taxes assessed on all residents and a business payroll tax. Additional revenues may be derived from outside sources (existing coverage) and minimal cost-sharing, but there will be no deductibles.
- **Simplified System:** The All Maine Health Fund (AMHF) will receive revenues and consolidate as many payment sources as feasible into a unified claims payment system.
- **Provider Compensation:** A Provider Payment Negotiation Office (PPNO) will negotiate fair payments for professional and institutional providers, taking into account local historical rates, projected regional needs, balance between specialty and primary care services, and system savings, with the aim to recruit and retain providers.
- **Drug Pricing:** A Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Price Negotiation Office will negotiate pharmaceutical and medical device prices and establish a drug formulary system.
- **Implementation:** The Legislature will only proceed to implementation of the AMHP after waiver issues have been resolved and a final analysis finds the cost of the AMHP acceptable compared to the cost of our current system.
- **Workforce Transition:** The AMHA will assist in retraining, job placement, and wage replacement for insurer and provider administrative workers displaced by the AMHP.