

LD 1883: An Act to Enact the All Maine Health Act

132nd Maine Legislature

Overview: The All Maine Health Plan (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 the All Maine Health Agency 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 coverage through 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.
- **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.
- **Implementation:** The Legislature will only proceed to implementation of the AMHP after waiver issues have been resolved and a fiscal analysis of the costs of the plan is approved by the Legislature.
- **Workforce Transition:** The AMHA will assist in retraining, job placement, and wage replacement for insurer and provider administrative workers displaced by the AMHP.