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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)**

Annual Regulatory Agenda

October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

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##### AGENCY NAME: Division of Licensing and Certification

**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

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**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**10-144**

**10-144 CHAPTER 112. Regulations For the Licensing of Hospitals**

* STATUTORY BASIS: Public Law 2007, Chapters 314 and 324; 22 M.R.S. Chapter 405; 22 M.R.S. §42; and 22-A MRS §205.
* PURPOSE. To update terms and procedures for further clarity. Remove duplicative requirements addressed in the federal Conditions of Participation (incorporated by reference.)
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **Winter 2020-2021**

**10-144 CHAPTER 118. Regulations Governing The Licensing And Functioning Of Intermediate Care Facilities For Persons With Mental Retardation**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. 42(1)
* PURPOSE. To update terms, remove reference to “mental retardation” and update procedures for further clarity. Remove duplicative requirements addressed in the federal Conditions of Participation (incorporated by reference.)
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Developmental Challenges
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not yet determined
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **Fall-Winter 2020**

**10-144 CHAPTER 110. Rules Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Skilled Nursing Facilities and Nursing Facilities**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 MRS Chapter 405
* PURPOSE. To update terms and procedures for further clarity. Remove duplicative requirements addressed in the federal Conditions of Participation (incorporated by reference.)
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Nursing Homes
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **Summer 2021**

**10-144 CHAPTER 113. Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S., Chapters 1663 and 1664; 22 M.R.S. §42; 22-A M.R.S. §205.
* PURPOSE. Address requirements of LD 1548 "Resolve, To Promote Quality and Transparency in the Provision of Services by Assisted Housing Programs That Provide Memory Care" and changes introduced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will impact Maine’s private non-medical facilities and require regulatory changes that will repeal the PNMI licensing rules and replace them with licensing rules for residential habilitation homes.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Other state agencies, providers, and consumers of services currently provided by private non-medical facilities, Level I, II, III, and IV.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **January 2021**

**10-144 CHAPTER 119**. **Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Home Health Care Services in the State of Maine**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. Chapter 419; 22 M.R.S. §42; 22-A M.R.S.§205.
* PURPOSE: Amend rules to comply with federal and state statutory changes to allow home health agencies meeting the Federal Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies, 42 Code of Federal Regulations §484.10-§484.55, to be deemed to meet the State of Maine Home Health Care Services licensing requirements and to reflect the Board of Nursing language regarding the delegation of certain aspects of medication to the certified nursing assistants (CNAs) in the home health care setting and the legislative change regarding employment of graduate nurses.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Other state agencies, providers, and consumers of Home Health Care services.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not yet determined
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **Winter 2021-2022**

**10-144 CHAPTER 129. Rules and Regulations Governing In-Home Personal Care and Support Workers.**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. §§ 42 and 1717; 22-A M.R.S. §205.
* PURPOSE: The rules will be amended to implement Resolve 2007, Chapter 324, including but not limited to: the registration of personal care agencies and placement agencies, enforcement authority, and penalties including injunctive relief for operating an unregistered personal care agency or placement agency.
* AFFECTED PARTIES; Other state agencies, providers and consumers of services provided by personal care agencies and placement agencies.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **Fall 2021**

**10-144 CHAPTER 114. Rules Governing the Reporting of Sentinel Events**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. Chapter 1684, 22 M.R.S.§42 and 22-A M.R.S.§205
* PURPOSE. To update terms and procedures for further clarity.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals and Medical Facilities
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **December 2021**

**10-144 Chapter 60. Maine Background Check Center Rule**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.CHAPTER 1691, Sections 9051-9065.
* PURPOSE: Potential revision, if proposed statute removes the requirement for currently mandated providers of children’s service to use the Maine Background Check Center to complete background checks.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Children’s providers currently required to conduct background checks on direct access applicants and employees.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not yet determined.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **Contingent upon legislative action.**

**CERTIFICATE OF NEED RULE.** Consolidate the following CON rules into one rule:

**10-144** **CHAPTER 503.** **Maine Certificate of Need Procedures Manual for Health Care Facilities (other than Nursing Care Facilities)**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S.A. Chapter 103-A, *Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002*; Public Law 2011, Chapter 424; 22 M.R.S. §42, and 22-A M.R.S. §205.
* PURPOSE: The three current CON rules will be repealed and replaced by a single CON rule that will include what is now in Section 71 (nursing facility CON provisions) and a number of statutory changes mandated by the 125th Legislature.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Other state agencies, providers and consumers.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not yet determined

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**10-149** **CHAPTER 5, SECTION 71. Certificate of Need for Nursing Facility Level of Care Projects**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. Chapter 103-A, *Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002*; Public Law 2011, Chapter 424; 22 M.R.S. §42, and 22-A M.R.S. §205.
* PURPOSE: This rule will be repealed and Chapter 503 (above) will include nursing facility CON provisions.
* AFFECTED PARTIES; Other state agencies, providers and consumers.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

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**10-144 CHAPTER 501. Maine Certificate of Need Act Limitations.**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S. §342
* PURPOSE: This rule will be repealed. These rules limit the CON applications the State will accept.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Providers subject to the certificate of need process.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not yet determined
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION NEW RULE: **FY 2021.**

**10-144 CHAPTER 117. Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Adult Day Services Programs**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. 42(1)
* PURPOSE: The minimum requirements for the licensing and functioning of Adult Day Services Programs and such requirements that the provider must meet regarding application and licensing standards.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Adult Day Services providers and consumers
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144 CHAPTER 120. Regulations Concerning the Licensing and Functioning of Hospice Programs**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. Chapter 1681; 22 M.R.S.§42; 22-A M.R.S.§205.
* PURPOSE. Amend the rules to include federal regulatory changes.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Other state agencies, providers, and consumers of services provided by intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not yet determined.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144 CHAPTER 125.** **Regulations Governing the Licensing of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. Chapter §1812-E
* PURPOSE: Rules licensing ambulatory surgical facilities that provide elective surgical care to a patient who is admitted to and discharged from the facility within the same day.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Ambulatory surgical facility providers, other State agencies and consumers of ambulatory care services.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144 CHAPTER 126. Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of End Stage Renal Disease Units/Facilities**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. c 412 §§ 2041-2042
* PURPOSE: Rules regulating the licensing of end-stage renal disease facilities
* AFFECTED PARTIES: End-stage renal disease service providers, consumers
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144 CHAPTER 128.** **Rules and Regulations Governing the Functioning of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers Registry.**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S., §§ 42 and 1812-G; 22-A M.R.S. §205.
* PURPOSE: Rules related to the operation of the Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers Registry.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, personal care agencies and placement agencies, temporary nurse agencies and direct care workers.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not yet determined.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated.

**10-144 Chapter 130. Epinephrine Auto-Injector Training and Certification Rule**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. Chapter 423
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: Rules certifying the training of healthcare practitioners who are licensed in the State of Maine to conduct anaphylaxis training.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: physicians (MD and DO), advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNP), physician assistants (PA), registered nurses (RN) and emergency medical technicians (EMT) or paramedics.
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None Anticipated

**10-144 CHAPTER 150. Free Care Guidelines**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. §1716 and §42; 22-A M.R.S. §205.
* PURPOSE: The rules provide guidelines for the free care policies of hospitals including minimum income guidelines to be used in determining whether individuals are unable to pay for hospital services.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Providers, and consumers.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144 CHAPTER 500. Rules Governing the Maine Certification of Health Cooperative Agreements**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 20-A M.R.S.A Chapter 405-A.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: The rule describes the procedure that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services will follow in determining when it is necessary to encourage hospitals and other health care providers to cooperate and enter into agreements that facilitate cost containment, improve quality of care and increase citizen access to health care services areas.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Primary care physicians and health care facilities
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**NEW RULES ANTICIPATED**

**10-144 CHAPTER 124. Behavioral Health Licensing Rule.** Consolidates the following rules into one rule:

**14-118** **CHAPTER 5.** Regulations for Licensing and Certifying of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs,

**14-193** **CHAPTER 6.** Rules Licensing of Mental Health Facilities, and

**14-193** **CHAPTER 6-A.** Rules Licensing of Private Non-Medical Institutions [PNMI] Mental Health Facilities.

* STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S. Chapter 521; 22 M.R.S. Chapter 1669; 22 M.R.S. §42; 22-A M.R.S. §205; and 34-B M.R.S. Chapter 3.
* PURPOSE: Three licensing and certification rules will be repealed and replaced by a single behavioral health program licensing rule. The new rule will implement the Administrative Processes Oversight Committee [APOC] recommendations, including the development of core licensing standards for behavioral health programs, including mental health, and substance abuse treatment. The new rule will include deeming provisions for accredited providers to avoid redundancies in the licensing and accreditation processes and a section governing independent contractors.
* AFFECTED PARTIES; Other State agencies, providers and consumers
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: **Fall 2020**

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UMBRELLA-UNIT: **10-144**

AGENCY NAME: **Office of MaineCare Services, Division of Policy**

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**2018-2019 Regulatory Agenda (Rules) - Department of Health and Human Services - State of Maine- Office of MaineCare Services, Division of Policy**

**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:**

Chapter 101 - MaineCare Benefits Manual- several sections:

* Chapter I, Section 4, Telehealth Services
* Chapter I, Section 5, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Services (Effective 03-20-20)
* Chapter I, Section 5, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Services (Effective 05-13-20)
* Chapters II & III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services

**CONSENSUS BASED RULEMAKING:** None

**EXPECTED RULEMAKING ACTIVITY- October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020:**

**CHAPTER 101**: MaineCare Benefits Manual: Chapters I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, X and relevant Principles of Reimbursement

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §42, §3173; P.L. 99 Chapter 777
* PURPOSE: These rules describe requirements for the provision and reimbursement of services under the MaineCare (formerly, Maine Medicaid and State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), also known as Cub Care) program. It also describes certain administrative functions necessary for the operation of the MaineCare Program. They will be amended to comply with federal changes, to update policy and to implement new services and regulations, as necessary.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: It is not possible to predict when all of the changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes as a result of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: MaineCare members, MaineCare providers, and Managed Care Organizations

**CHAPTER 104:** Maine State Services Manual

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §257
* PURPOSE: These rules describe requirements for the provision and reimbursement of services under the state funded services including Drugs for the Elderly (DEL) Benefit and Maine Rx+ Benefit. It also describes certain administrative functions necessary for the operation of these Benefits. They will be amended to comply with federal changes, to update policy and to implement new services and regulations, as necessary.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: It is not possible to predict when all of the changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes as a result of identified problems require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Participants and providers in DEL and other state funded benefits.
* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: PL 2019, ch. 472 as codified in 5 MRS c. 167 AND 22-A MRS Section 205
* PURPOSE: This rule provides for a process for the design of a wholesale prescription drug importation program, in anticipation of the release of federal rules establishing an application pathway for demonstration projects allowing importation by states and other entities. It will be amended to comply with federal changes, to update policy and to implement new services and regulations, as necessary.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: It is not possible to predict when all of the changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes as a result of identified problems require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Residents of Maine.

**CHAPTER 107:** Medical Eye Care Program

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §3521
* PURPOSE: These rules govern the operation of Maine's State-funded Eye Care Program. They will be amended to reflect administrative changes found necessary through monitoring of this program.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to the above regulations because of the nature of this policy. State-initiated changes as a result of identified problems will require the timely amendment of the rules. It is anticipated this chapter will be incorporated into Chapter 104.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Children and adults not eligible for Medicaid for whom the State would reimburse for certain eye care services as well as the providers of these services

**CHAPTER 275:** Reporting Requirements for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Labelers

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §2698-A, 22 MRSA §2700-A
* PURPOSE: These rules define statutory obligations of manufacturers and labelers of prescription drugs and biological products to publicly register and report results of clinical trials and also report gifts to prescribers and marketing costs in Maine.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: It is not possible to predict when additional changes will be made to the above regulations because of the nature of this policy. State-initiated changes as a result of identified problems will require the timely amendment of the rules. Two changes for the upcoming year include new requirements for prescriber confidentiality and academic detailing.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Residents of Maine

**AGENCY NAME:** Office for Family Independence (OFI):Eligibility, Employment and Training and Support Enforcement and Recovery

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

**CHAPTER 301** (Food Supplement Program):

**Rule #210E** – ABAWD Geographic Exemption

**ADOPTED RULE NUMBER**: 2019-172 (Emergency)

**CONCISE SUMMARY**: The Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations, administered in Maine as the Food Supplement Program, provides that certain able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) are subject to a maximum of three months of benefits over a 36-month period, unless they work 20 hours or more per week (averaged monthly) or participate in and comply with requirements of a work program. Individuals who reside in certain geographic areas can qualify for an exception to this time limit under 7 C.F.R. §273.24(f).

The Department proposes to waive these work requirements for certain ABAWDs residing in geographic areas that have unemployment rates at or above 10% or have insufficient jobs for recipients residing in those areas. The geographic areas include 247 qualifying cities, towns, unorganized territories, townships, and reservations that qualify individually or as part of a federally defined labor market area. Upon adoption of these rules, ABAWDs residing in those areas will no longer have to meet the work requirements to receive Food Supplement benefits.

The waiver from Food and Nutrition Services was not provided in a timeframe that would allow the Department to comply with the non-emergency rulemaking process, under 5 M.R.S. §8052, and still implement the waiver by the required date of September 30, 2019. The Department finds that an emergency rule change is necessary to ensure the health and general welfare of Maine citizens residing in the affected regions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: September 30, 2019

**Rule #209E** - COLA SUA FFY 2020

**ADOPTED RULE NUMBER**: 2019-173 (Emergency)

**CONCISE SUMMARY**: This emergency rule implements updates to: the federal poverty levels; maximum and minimum allotments; the threshold that requires a report of changes in household income; the standard, homeless shelter, maximum shelter, and standard utility allowance deductions for the Food Supplement program as of October 1, 2019. As a result, Food Supplement benefits will change for some households.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) memorandum providing these figures was not provided in a timeframe that would allow the Department to comply with the non-emergency rulemaking process and still implement by the required date of October 1, 2019. Therefore, the Department finds that an emergency rule change is necessary to remain in compliance with Federal regulation 7 C.F.R. 273.9(d), which requires annual review and adjustment to federal poverty levels, the standard deduction, and an adjustment to standard utility allowances (SUAs). This emergency rulemaking

 is necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare in order to ensure that Food Supplement benefits are issued appropriately, accurately, and in a timely fashion consistent with federal law.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: October 1, 2019

**CHAPTER 323** (Maine General Assistance Manual): None

**CHAPTER 331** (Maine Public Assistance Manual (TANF – Temporary Assistance for

Needy Families)):

**Rule #113E** – TANF Max Benefit 2019

**ADOPTED RULE NUMBER**: 2019-174 (Emergency)

**CONCISE SUMMARY**: This rule increases the TANF maximum benefit by 2.8 percent and makes related changes to the standard of need pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §3769-C(1)(D).

The Department finds that an emergency rule change is necessary to implement the increases by the statutorily required date of October 1, 2019.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: October 1, 2019

**Rule #115E** – TANF Relationship Changes

**ADOPTED RULE NUMBER**: 2020-017 (Emergency)

**CONCISE SUMMARY**: The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and its predecessor, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), were established to provide financial support and steps to independence for families with minor children. Federal regulations (45 C.F.R. §206) specify individuals who must be counted as part of the child’s family but do not define who can be counted as part of the child’s family. In the past, the state of Maine has required the individual applying on the child’s behalf to show a close biological or marital relationship to the child(ren). The nature of family structure has evolved significantly in the United States since AFDC was established in 1935. Maine law allows numerous instances where non-relatives can act in the role of a parent (in loco parentis), and the Department is taking steps to align TANF policy with related state law and policy which recognizes such relationships.

 Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §8054 the Department finds that emergency rulemaking is necessary to implement these changes as soon as possible given the high number of low income children placed with non-relative guardians as a result of the opioid crisis. According to the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State Final Report December 2017 presented to the 128th Legislature:

In 2016 there were a total of 376 drug-induced deaths in Maine (a 38% increase from 2015). The indisputable effects of the opioid crisis are far-reaching and have ripple effects on families and children. The average age of overdose deaths in Maine for 2016 was 41. On a given day in 2017, 9090 Mainers were receiving some form of medication assisted drug treatment. In 2016 there were 1,024 reports regarding infants exposed to substances, constituting 8.1% of all live births in Maine. 8.5% of the general public aged 18 or older have substance use disorders.

These facts demonstrate a sudden and dramatic increase in the number of Maine residents, of child bearing age, who are not able or allowed to keep their children in their homes. These children, who require safe homes, often reside with adults in their community with no biological or marital relationship to the child(ren). These families require supports that the TANF program can provide. Modification of the usual rulemaking procedures under the *Maine Administrative Procedure Act* is necessary to ensure the health and general welfare of Maine citizens, specifically low income children with non-relative legal guardians and said guardians providing their housing and care.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: January 30, 2020

**Rule #114E** – Changes to Budgeting

**ADOPTED RULE NUMBER**: 2020-022 (Emergency)

**CONCISE SUMMARY**: This rule change aligns the Maine Public Assistance Manual with 22 M.R.S. §3762 (3)(B)(7) as amended by L.D. 1772 and L.D. 1774. This amendment requires the Department to eliminate a gross income test for TANF/PaS applicants and utilize new earnings disregards when calculating a TANF/PaS benefit.

 Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §8054, the Department finds that emergency rulemaking is necessary to implement these changes as soon as possible. Due to the press of other business, technological challenges, and staffing issues in the Department due to a change in administrations, the Department was unable to adopt this rule prior to September 19, 2019. Therefore, the Department is adopting this emergency to apply retroactively to eligibility determinations made on or after September 19, 2019. Retroactive rulemaking is authorized by the Legislature in accordance with 22 M.R.S. §42 (8) because this rule provides a benefit to recipients or beneficiaries and does not have an adverse financial effect on either providers or beneficiaries or recipients. Modification of the usual rulemaking procedures under the *Maine Administrative Procedure Act* is necessary to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of Maine residents.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: February 4, 2020

**Rule #C19E** – Change to In-person Requirements

**ADOPTED RULE NUMBER**: 2020-053 (Emergency)

**CONCISE SUMMARY**: The recently active Novel Coronavirus is responsible for a new disease, COVID19, and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are still learning how the virus spreads. The CDC reports that the virus is spread mainly by person-to-person contact between people who are within six feet of one another, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The CDC has advised that all symptomatic community members remain home to prevent further spread of the virus. The Maine Public Assistance Manual currently requires that a face-to-face interview be completed with each TANF application and requires all mandatory ASPIRE-TANF participants to attend an orientation. A face-to-face interview is also required at the time of annual recertification for TANF. Language has been modified through this rule change to allow for all orientation and interview activities to be completed over the telephone. This rule will allow for the continuation of services in the case of DHHS regional office closure to the public.

 Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §8054, the Department finds that emergency rulemaking is necessary to implement these changes as soon as possible to aid in the reduction of the spread of the new virus while continuing to provide TANF and ASPIRE supports to some of Maine’s most vulnerable residents. This emergency rule removes the face-to-face requirement for the application and recertification interviews for TANF and ASPIRE-TANF orientation. Removal of the face-to-face component adheres to the recommendation of the CDC to prevent the spread of the virus by avoiding person-to-person contact.

 Modification of the usual rulemaking procedures under the *Maine Administrative Procedure Act* is necessary to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of Maine residents.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: March 13, 2020

**CHAPTER 332** (MaineCare Eligibility Manual):

**Rule #298E** – COVID-19 Testing for Uninsured individuals

**ADOPTED RULE NUMBER**: 2020-119 (Emergency)

**CONCISE SUMMARY**: The *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* (FFCRA) H.R. 6201, 116 Cong. (2019-2020), P.L. No. 116-127 (3/18/2020), 134 STAT 178 *et seq*. specified in Division F, Section 6004 (a) (3) that State Medicaid programs were authorized to create an optional coverage group to ensure services related to testing and diagnosis of COVID-19 are available in response to the pandemic, pursuant to Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII) of the *Social Security Act*, 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10) as amended. This is a limited coverage benefit that is effective March 18, 2020 and ends on the last day of the month within which the federal public health emergency (PHE) ends, unless otherwise directed by CMS, even if that period exceeds 90 days, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 48, FY 19/20. Coverage under this group is available to individuals who are without health insurance, or whose health insurance coverage does not meet the requirements for minimum essential coverage. This rule change adopts the eligibility criteria established within the Act into the *MaineCare Eligibility Manual*. This rule change will reduce barriers to COVID-19 testing and treatment which will improve health outcomes for the specific individuals covered and reduce the spread of this virus throughout the Maine population as a whole.

 Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §8054, the Department finds that emergency rulemaking is necessary to provide this essential service during the current health emergency.

 Due to the emergency nature of the legislation establishing this coverage group, the Department was unable to adopt this rule prior to March 18, 2020. Therefore, the Department is adopting this emergency rule to apply retroactively to eligibility determinations made on or after March 18, 2020. Retroactive rulemaking is authorized by the Legislature in accordance with 22 M.R.S. §42(8) because this rule provides a benefit to recipients or beneficiaries and does not have an adverse financial effect on either providers or beneficiaries or recipients. Modification of the usual rulemaking procedures under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act is necessary to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of Maine residents as more fully described in the Basis Statement accompanying this rulemaking.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: March 18, 2020

**CHAPTER 333** (Low Cost Drugs for The Elderly and Disabled (DEL) - Eligibility): None

**CHAPTER 334** (Maine Rx Plus - Eligibility): None

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:**

**CHAPTER 330** (Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment (HOPE) Program Rules): None

**CHAPTER 607 (**ASPIRE-TANF Program Rules**):** None

**CHAPTER 609** (Food Supplement Employment and Training (FSET) Program Rules): None

**SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY:**

**CHAPTER 351** Child Support Enforcement Manual: None

**EXPECTED RULEMAKING ACTIVITY- October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021:**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

**CHAPTER 301**: Food Supplement Program Manual

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §3104
* PURPOSE: These rules establish requirements for eligibility for the Food Supplement Program. The rules will be amended to reflect policy and law changes as well as to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals who receive or apply for Food Supplement Program benefits.

**CHAPTER 323**: Maine General Assistance Manual

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 4300-4323
* PURPOSE: These rules establish overall requirements for eligibility for the General Assistance program. Rules are further delineated by municipal ordinances. These rules will be amended to reflect policy and law changes as well as to clarify rules already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals who apply for or receive General Assistance benefits.

**CHAPTER 331**: Maine Public Assistance Manual (TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 3761-3789
* PURPOSE: These rules establish overall requirements for eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and other cash assistance programs. The rules will be amended to reflect policy, law changes, and federal program instructions as well as to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Families who apply for or receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and other cash assistance.

**CHAPTER 332**: MaineCare Eligibility Manual

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §3173
* PURPOSE: These rules establish requirements for eligibility for Maine's MaineCare and State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income programs. The rules will be amended to reflect changes in law, including health care reform, and to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals and families applying for or receiving MaineCare or State Supplement benefits.

**CHAPTER 333:** Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled (DEL) - Eligibility

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §254-D
* PURPOSE: These rules establish requirements for eligibility for Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled (DEL) program. The rules will be amended to reflect changes in law and to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals and families applying for or receiving DEL benefits.

**CHAPTER 334:** Maine Rx Plus - Eligibility

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §2681
* PURPOSE: These rules establish requirements for eligibility for Maine Rx Plus Program. The rules will be amended to reflect changes in law and to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals and families applying for or receiving Maine Rx Plus benefits.

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:**

**CHAPTER 330**: Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment (HOPE) Program Rules

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §3790
* PURPOSE: These rules establish overall requirements for eligibility for the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment program. The rules will be amended to reflect policy, law changes, and federal program instructions as well as to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Families who apply for or receive Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment.

**CHAPTER 607**: ASPIRE-TANF Program Rules

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §3781-A
* PURPOSE: These rules establish requirements for participants in the ASPIRE program who are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits. They will be amended to reflect changes in law and policy and to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals participating in the ASPIRE/TANF program.

**CHAPTER 609**: Food Supplement Employment and Training (FSET) Program Rules

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §3104
* PURPOSE: These rules establish requirements for participants in the ASPIRE program who are receiving Food Supplement Program benefits. The rules will be amended to reflect changes in law and policy and to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals participating in the ASPIRE program who are receiving Food Supplement Program benefits.

**CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY**

**CHAPTER 351:** Maine Child Support Enforcement Manual

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 19-A, Chapters 63 and 65
* PURPOSE: These rules establish requirements and procedures for enforcement and recovery of child support pursuant to court and administrative orders. The rules will be amended to reflect changes in law, and to clarify requirements already in effect.
* ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Year round
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals and families for whom the Division of Support Enforcement and Recovery collects child and spousal support.

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **10-144 and 10-146**

AGENCY NAME: **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:**

* Death With Dignity Reporting Rule, 10-146 CMR Ch. 15
* Control of Notifiable Conditions and Diseases Rule, 10-144 CMR Ch. 258
* Emergency Medical Services Reporting Rule, 10-144 CMR Ch. 124
* Family Planning Funding Rule (Repeal), 10-144 CMR Ch. 287
* Rules Relating to the *Lead Poisoning Control Act*, 10-144 CMR Ch. 292

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**CHAPTER 124. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORTING RULE**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 MRS §820(1)(C)
* PURPOSE: To enable the surveillance of the personnel aspect of Maine emergency medical system during a state of civil emergency, to ensure that the Department can assist in responding appropriately to public health emergencies and support the Maine EMS as a comprehensive and effective system for optimizing patient care during a state of civil emergency.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: EMS staff; MEMA
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 200. STATE OF MAINE FOOD CODE**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 MRS §2496(1) & 7 MRS §12
* PURPOSE: To address controls for risk factors and further establishes 5 key public health interventions to protect consumer health. Specifically, these interventions are: demonstration of knowledge, employee health controls, controlling hands as a vehicle of contamination, time and temperature parameters for controlling pathogens, and the consumer advisory.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Eating establishments in the State of Maine.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 201. RULES RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENTS REGULATED BY THE HEALTH INSPECTION PROGRAM**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2496
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To describe application, licensing, and inspection requirements, licensing fees and enforcement sanctions for Maine eating establishments, lodging places, campgrounds, sporting/recreational camps, youth camps, public pools and spas regulated by the Health Inspection Program.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Owners of eating establishments, lodging places, recreational camps, youth camps, campgrounds, public pools and spas in the State of Maine
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 202. RULES RELATING TO PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 2496 and 2664
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health and provide specific compliance and enforcement requirements regarding public pools and spas licensed by the Health Inspection Program.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Owners/operators of public swimming pools and spas.
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 203: RULES RELATING TO THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN MAINE**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS Ch. 262-A; 22 MRS §42(1)

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To regulate the licensing of retail tobacco sales.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed tobacco retailers.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 205. RULES RELATING TO CAMPGROUNDS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2496
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To clarify definitions of recreational vehicle classification, event camping and the definitions of temporary campground, and agricultural fair campground.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Public, fairs, event promoters, and owners/operators of campgrounds.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 206. RULES RELATING TO LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S. §2496

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by regulating and licensing lodging places. Amendments will update requirements and clarify lodging definitions.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Lodging places licensed by the Health Inspection Program in the State of Maine.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 208. RULES RELATING TO BOYS, GIRLS, BOYS AND GIRLS, DAY CAMPS AND PRIMITIVE AND TRIP CAMPING**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2496
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To clarify requirements for youth camps licensed by the Health Inspection Program, in order to ensure greater protection of health and safety .
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Youth camp counselors and staff, children who attend summer youth camps.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 209. RULES RELATING TO BODY PIERCING**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §4326.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To provide health and safety standards for persons engaged in the practice of body piercing and licensed by the Health Inspection Program.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Body piercers and the public who receive body piercings.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 210. RULES RELATING TO TATTOOING**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §4251
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To provide health and safety standards for persons engaged in the practice of tattooing.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Tattoo artists and the public who receive tattoos.
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 211. RULES RELATING TO MICROPIGMENTATION PRACTITIONERS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §4313
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To provide health and safety standards for persons engaged in the practice of micropigmentation.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Micropigmentation practitioners and the public who receive micropigmentation.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 212. RULES FOR THE PRACTICE OF ELECTROLOGY**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §1242.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To provide health and safety standards for persons engaged in the practice of electrology.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Electrologists and the public who receive electrology.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 214. MASS GATHERING RULES AND INFORMATIONAL GUIDELINES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1602
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To describe the requirements for applying for permits, determining event populations, and properly managing mass gatherings in Maine.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Public, municipalities, and event promoters.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 220. RULES RELATING TO RADIATION PROTECTION**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §674
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health and administer both State and federal rules required under an agreement with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to regulate radioactive materials.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons who receive, possess, use, transfer, own or acquire any source of radiation in Maine.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**PART A, GENERAL PROVISIONS**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by establishing provisions to control hazards associated with use of radiation.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All users of ionizing radiation.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**PART B, ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, PROCEDURES AND CIVIL PENALTIES**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To establish administrative and civil remedies to address violations of the rule.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All users of radioactive material.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**PART C, LICENSING OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To establish protocols, fees and procedures for the licensing of use of radioactive material.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All users of radioactive material.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**PART D, STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To administer specific state and federal standards and protect public health from radiation.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All users of radioactive material.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**PART E, RADIATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS.**

* PURPOSE of the rule: To protect public health by administering standards for the licensing of industrial radiographic operations.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All industrial radiography licensees.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**PART F, X-RAYS IN THE HEALING ARTS**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards for licensure of anyone administering x-rays.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All users of x-ray machines.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated.

**PART G, USE OF RADIONUCLIDES IN THE HEALING ARTS**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards for use of radionuclides in the healing arts.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All medical users of radioactive material.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**PART H, RADIATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ANALYTICAL AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL RADIATION MACHINES**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards for analytical and other industrial radiation machines.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All industrial users of x-ray machines.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**PART I, RADIATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICLE ACCELERATORS**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards for use of particle accelerators.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All industrial users of particle accelerators.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**PART J, NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS AND REPORTS TO WORKERS; INSPECTIONS**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards over any employers using radiation.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All employers using radiation.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**PART K, RADIATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRELINE SERVICE OPERATIONS AND SUBSURFACE TRACER STUDIES**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards over any employers using radiation.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons using sources of radiation for wireline service operations including mineral logging, radioactive markers, and subsurface tracer studies.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**PART L, TRANSPORTATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards over the transportation of radioactive material.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All shippers of radioactive materials.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**PART N, REGULATION AND LICENSING OF TECHNOLOGICALLY ENHANCED NATURALLY OCCURRING RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health through regulating and licensing the use of naturally occurring radioactive materials.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All users of naturally occurring radioactive elements.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**PART X, THERAPEUTIC X-RAY MACHINES**

* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards for medical users of therapeutic x-ray machines.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All medical users of therapeutic x-ray machines.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 221. SELECTION OF VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL TO ESTABLISH/MAINTAIN RADIATION MONITORING PROGRAM**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §674
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To establish and maintain a continuous airborne radiation monitoring system consisting of volunteers who are required to report their findings to the Radiation Control Program.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Volunteers of airborne radiation
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 222. RULES RE: PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF RADIOACTIVE EMISSIONS FROM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §674 and 35-A MRS §4332
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To govern the public notice requirements in the event of a radioactive release or specific safety-related events at any nuclear power plant.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: DHHS Staff, MEMA
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 223. RULES RELATING TO TANNING FACILITIES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §674
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards to regulate tanning and other changes in the industry.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Tanning facility owners and users of tanning facilities.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 224. AIR AND WATER RADON SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRATION RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §781
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by administering standards for individuals/companies providing radon testing/mitigation services in Maine and describe testing and mitigation requirements for property owners of multi-family apartment buildings.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Radon Service Providers and the general public that contract such services, as well as property owners/landlords of multi-family residential properties.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 225. RULES RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF SUPPLIERS OF COMPRESSED AIR USED IN SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1585
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To provide standards for the accurate testing of air and provide for third party testing.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Dive shops, fire departments, other suppliers of compressed air.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 226. RULES RELATING TO CROSS CONNECTIONS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2612(5)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To regulate, control, and prevent the contamination of drinking water by the backflow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the distribution pipes of a public water system from a source or sources other than its intended source.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All public drinking water systems serving greater than 1,000 people or have an industrial account.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 227. RULES RELATING TO LICENSING AND INSPECTION OF CREMATORIA**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §1405
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To license crematoria to insure the proper cremation of bodies and disposal of ashes.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Owners/operators of crematoria.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 230. RULES RELATING TO DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 30-A MRS §§ 5959(1) and 6006-B
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To implement federal rules for administering the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to public water systems, establish a prioritization system for distributing funds, outline the process for certifying project eligibility, and administer the environmental review process.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All community public drinking water systems and non-community non-profit public drinking water systems.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 231. RULES RELATING TO DRINKING WATER**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 2605, 2611-2613; and 2618.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect residents and visitors of Maine in their consumption of drinking water. This rule administer the federal *Safe Drinking Water Act* and the Maine *Water for Human Consumption Act* for all public water systems in Maine.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All public water systems regulated by the Maine CDC Drinking Water Program.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 232. WELL DRILLERS AND PUMP INSTALLERS RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §4700-H
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To administer examination and license requirements for well drilling, pump installation and hydro-fracturing, as well as prescribe a code of conduct for well drillers and pump installers
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Well drillers and pump installers registered in the State of Maine, as well as public water systems with groundwater sources.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 233. RULES RELATING TO TESTING OF PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS FOR POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CONTAMINANTS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2602-A
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health and for compliance with standards of practice and current hazards.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Health and Environmental Testing Lab and Maine Citizens
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Repeal is expected prior to this regulatory agenda

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**CHAPTER 235. RULES RELATING TO BULK WATER**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2660-A
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To regulate the water quality standards associated with transport of bulk water.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Bottled water suppliers, water haulers and vendors.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 240. RULES FOR APPOINTMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTORS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 42(3), 42(1)(3-A), 42(3-B); 30-A MRS §§ 4211(5), 4212(1), 4215(4), 4221, and 4451.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To refine and clarify established procedures for the eligibility requirements, appointment, and duties of local plumbing inspectors.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons certified as Local Plumbing Inspectors, and those seeking such certification.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 241. MAINE SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 42(3), 42(3-A), 42(3-B); 30-A MRS §§ 4211(5), 4215(4), 4211 & 4452; 22-A MRS §205(2).
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To regulate the design, permitting, and installation of subsurface wastewater disposal systems as necessary, and to correct mistakes from the last rulemaking.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Any person, establishment, and/or institution using an on-site subsurface wastewater disposal system for sanitary wastewater.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 242. RULES FOR CONVERSION OF SEASONAL DWELLING UNITS INTO YEAR-ROUND RESIDENCES IN THE SHORELAND ZONE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §42; 30-A MRS §§ 4211-4212 & 4215.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To regulate the conversion of seasonal residences using onsite subsurface wastewater disposal to year-round use. This Rule is intended to complement municipal planning, zoning, and land use control.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Anyone wishing to convert a seasonal residence to year-round use.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 243. MINIMUM LOT SIZE LAW VARIANCE RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRS §4807
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To update and clarify established provisions for approval of subsurface waste water disposal systems on lots with less than 20,000 square feet and 100 feet of frontage if the lot abuts a water body.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Anyone wishing to develop a lot meeting the exemption requirements of 12 MRS §4807.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 245. MAINE RULES FOR SITE EVALUATORS OF SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEMS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To update established standards of professional conduct and practice related to the examination and licensing of Site Evaluators.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Approximately 330 individuals are licensed to determine soil suitability and prepare designs for subsurface wastewater disposal systems handling less than 2,000 gallons per day of wastewater.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 249. RULES RELATING TO SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: These rules delineate the requirements for smoking in public places. Proposed changes include adding definition of “electronic smoking device and amending the definition of “smoking,” due to statutory changes, removing four definitions, amending Section 3 to clarify prohibitions and limitations to prohibitions on smoking, and clarifying Section 4 for posting.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Public, employees, owners/operators of restaurants.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 250. RULES RELATING TO SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1580-A
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule defines where smoking in the workplace is allowed, addresses outdoor smoking areas and operation of child care/day care related to smoking. Proposed changes would be to upgrade and clarify rules as related to non-smoking areas in restaurants, and to increase the fee to $50 annually.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Public, employees, owners/operators of restaurants.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 251. RULES GOVERNING RABIES MANAGEMENT**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1313(1)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To ensure consistency between State procedures and national guidelines for the prevention and control of rabies in humans and among domestic animals.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Human and animal health professionals, members of the public
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 252. RULES GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HYPODERMIC APPARATUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1341(2)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To establish requirements for hypodermic apparatus exchange programs and for program certification requirements.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: People who share needles, people who administer certified needle exchange programs
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

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**CHAPTER 253. MAINE CHRONIC DISEASE SURVEILLANCE DATA QUALITY AND FOLLOW-UP STUDY RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1692-B
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule governs the operation of Maine chronic disease surveillance methods of data quality assurance and follow-up investigations. They establish the objectives, responsibilities and duties pertinent to the validation and operation of Maine chronic disease surveillance programs and set forth guidelines for the operation, conduct, and implementation of follow-up investigations.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals, physicians, institutions, and/or State departments
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 254. OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE REPORTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1491
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To set forth criteria for submission of patient information by hospitals, and medical personnel, and establish the objectives, responsibilities, and duties pertinent to the operation of Maine's Occupational Disease Reporting Program.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Health care providers, health care facilities, medical laboratories.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

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**CHAPTER 255. CANCER INCIDENCE REGISTRY REGULATIONS**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 MRS §1402
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To protect public health by establishing standards for reporting on all persons diagnosed with cancer living in Maine and to tabulate and summarize patient data to determine the frequency and incidence rates. Changes would include updating the Maine Cancer Registry Rules and Regulations reflect current cancer surveillance standards and revised definitions. These include, but are not limited to, required reporting procedures.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Reporting sources (hospital registrars and others) and Registry Staff of hospitals, hospices, health care providers and facilities, medical laboratories and other related facilities and associated administrative personnel.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 257. SCHEDULE OF CHARGES OF THE DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY OF DHHS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §565(3)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To amend and revise charges as required by budgetary needs and by law.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: DHHS labs, programs and citizens served by DHHS labs.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated, due to adoption in FY 2020

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 258. CONTROL OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS RULE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY**:** 22 MRS §802(3)
* PURPOSE: To establish requirements for: reporting and other surveillance methods for measuring the occurrence of communicable, occupational and environmental diseases and the potential for epidemics; designate and classify communicable, environmental and occupational diseases; investigate cases, epidemics and occurrences of communicable, environmental and occupational diseases; and establish procedures for the control, detection, prevention, and treatment of communicable, environmental and occupational diseases, including public immunization and contact notification programs.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Physicians, physician’s assistants, and nurse practitioners; medical laboratories; healthcare facilities; healthcare administrators; health officers; veterinarians and veterinary medical laboratories
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 260. RABIES IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOG LICENSURE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRS §3922(3)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To explain the requirements for rabies vaccination of puppies and dogs, as required for licensure. This rule is consistent with 7 MRS §3922(3) and with current veterinary practice and vaccine specifications.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, dog owners
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 261. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 20-A MRS §§ 6358(1), 6359(6)
* PURPOSE: To specify those diseases for which immunization is required and establish school record keeping and reporting requirements and procedures for the exclusion of nonimmunized children from school, and to establish medical exceptions to receiving vaccines or toxoids for each disease.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: School nurses, school age children and parents of school age children.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 262. RULES AND REGULATIONS POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §6359(6)
* PURPOSE: This rule outlines the immunization requirements of post-secondary school students. It prescribes the dosage for required immunizations and defines responsibilities, exclusion periods, record keeping and reporting requirements for school officials.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Post-secondary facilities and school health providers and their students, parents
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 263. MAINE COMPREHENSIVE AND LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION RULE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §567(2)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To establish quality assurance procedures for laboratory data received by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection and establish procedures for the accreditation of labs by setting minimum criteria for lab operations, performance and administration.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Drinking water labs performing analyses for samples collected in the State of Maine; Wastewater labs not exempted by 38 MRS §413, and other labs not permitted for exception by memo between DEP and DHHS.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 264. IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §802
* PURPOSE: To outlines the immunization requirements of employees of designated health care facilities, with prescribed dosages for required immunizations. This rule defines responsibilities, exclusion periods, record keeping and reporting requirements for officials of designated health care facilities.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals and health care facilities and their employees who provide direct care to residents or patients of the facilities.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 265. MAINE DRUG TESTING LABORATORY RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 26 MRS §687; 22 MRS §§ 42 and 565
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To establish the substances that employers in the State of Maine may test their employees for. The rule is intended to ensure that employees and applicants receive reliable and accurate testing, and that privacy rights are protected.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Employers and programs requiring testing of employees and applicants for substances of use; workplace substance of use testing programs. Benefited parties—employees affected by such programs.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 266. CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR PERSONS CONDUCTING CHEMICAL ANALYSIS FOR DETECTION/IDENTIFICATION OF DRUGS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 17-A MRS §1112(1) and 22 MRS §42(1)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule sets forth the technical qualifications necessary for an individual to be certified by the Department of Health and Human Services to detect and identify drugs. Included in the rule are criteria pertaining to necessary laboratory facilities and equipment, reference standards, record keeping, security and proficiency testing
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Chemists analyzing drugs; suspects in cases of alleged possession of drugs and/or Maine citizens, especially those involved either as suspects or victims in OUI situations.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 267.** **CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR PERSONS CONDUCTING CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF BLOOD AND BREATH FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 29-A MRS §2524(6) and 22 MRS §42(1)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule establishes the qualifications necessary for an individual to be certified by the Department of Health and Human Services to analyze blood and breath samples for alcohol level. Included are criteria pertaining to proficiency testing, sample procedures, accuracy of analyses, reporting data and continuing certification.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Law enforcement, general public
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 269.** **RULES GOVERNING SELF-CONTAINED BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING EQUIPMENT**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 29-A MRS §2524(6) and 22 MRS §42(1)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule establishes procedures for self-contained breath alcohol testing equipment. All self-contained breath alcohol testing equipment must be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation as stated in the Federal Register and the State of Maine, Department of Health and Human Services rule. Each instrument must be tested and approved by the Maine CDC Public Health Laboratory and retested and re-approved semi-annually. Certain procedures are specified for calibration checks and use of self-contained breath alcohol testing equipment.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Law enforcement
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 270. RULES FOR SAMPLE COLLECTION AND DRUG TESTING IN SUSPECTED O.U.I. CASES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 29-A MRS §§ 1951, 2527
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule is set forth for law enforcement agencies and laboratories involved in testing of persons suspected of operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. The rule is intended to ensure that subjects are afforded accurate and reliable testing, and that results of such testing will be in compliance with legal requirements for forensic purposes.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Law enforcement agencies and laboratories involved in testing of persons suspected of operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 272. CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS PROGRAM**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 42 (1) and 2001
* PURPOSE: To enhance the provision of and access to comprehensive health services for children with special health care needs.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensed health care providers and families.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 274. IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM (IIS) RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1064
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To explain the primary purpose of the immunization information system, which is to collect data related to vaccine administration and to promote effective and cost efficient prevention of vaccine preventable diseases. The rule outlines confidentiality requirements and authorized user access.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Immunization providers and other entities who have a contract or MOU with DHHS to participate in the vaccine distribution system, the immunization information system or to provide related support services.
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 276.** **RULES GOVERNING INFLUENZA IMMUNIZING AGENT DISTRIBUTION REPORT**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1065
* PURPOSE: This rule governed the implementation of the Influenza Immunizing Agent Distribution Reports required by a law change in the 122nd Legislature (LD 2106), to monitor supply and demand for influenza immunizing agents
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Influenza Immunizing Agent Manufacturers and Distributors
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: To be repealed in FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 279. RULES RELATING TO THE NEWBORN HEARING PROGRAM**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1686
* PURPOSE:To define reporting requirements, program functions and responsibilities regarding newborn hearing screening, diagnosis and intervention.
* AFFECTED PARTIES:Hospitals, health care providers and citizens of Maine.
* EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST AGENDA: None
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEUDLE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 280. RULES RELATING TO THE MAINE BIRTH DEFECTS PROGRAM**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY:22 MRS §8944
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE:To define reporting requirements, program functions and responsibilities regarding the Maine Birth Defects Program.
* AFFECTED PARTIES:Providers of health care licensed under Title 22 (Hospitals) and Title 32 (Health Professionals).
* EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST AGENDA: none
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 281. REGULATIONS FOR SPINAL SCREENING**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 20-A MRS §6452
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To establish requirements for screening children in school settings to assess for spinal abnormalities, including frequency of screening and qualifications of screening personnel.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: School personnel (including school nurses or qualified physical education teachers), students and their families.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Repeal planned for FY 2021 (statute was repealed)

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 283. RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO TESTING NEWBORN INFANTS FOR DETECTION OF CAUSES OF COGNITIVE DISABILITIES AND SELECTED GENETIC CONDITIONS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY:22 MRS §1533(2)(G)
* PURPOSE:To ensure that all infants born in Maine are screened for causes of developmental disabilities and selected genetic conditions.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals, health care providers and citizens of Maine.
* EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST AGENDA: None
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 286. WIC PROGRAM RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 42 and 3107
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To describe the procedures and standards for WIC participants, local agencies and WIC-authorized vendors.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: WIC participants, local agencies and WIC authorized vendors.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 292. RULES RELATING TO THE LEAD POISONING CONTROL ACT**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1323
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To describe the requirements for property owners with environmental lead hazards identified by Department environmental lead investigations; set the responsibilities of licensed lead inspectors and risk assessors when conducting environmental lead investigations; and describe the information, including abatement orders, assessed to owners as a result of these investigations. This rule establishes the requirements for substitute dwellings used to relocate families living in rental units at the time an environmental lead hazard is identified and explains requirements for blood lead screening by health care providers and health care programs, including the requirements for approving health care providers, WIC and Head Start facilities to use in office blood lead testing devices and to report those results electronically to the Department.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Landlords, tenants, health care facilities, health care providers, medical laboratories, and health care programs.
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 293. LEAD POISONING PREVENTION FUND FEE RULES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §1322-F
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To identify the manufacturers subject to the fee, provide methods of fee calculation, establish a low quantity exemption, describe reporting and payment requirements and establish population blood lead surveillance criteria for when the rules will expire.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Paint manufacturers and customers of paint in the State of Maine
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 294. RULES GOVERNING QUALIFICATIONS OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §451(2)
* PURPOSE: To develop rules to institute qualifications for local health officers
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, local health officers
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 295. DENTAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT AND SUBSIDY PROGRAMS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2127(7)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To define the terms and conditions for the participation in, and receipt of funding for the Dental Services Development and Subsidy Programs as authorized and funded by 22 MRS §2127, and to address as needed statutory changes in use of funding. This rule addresses the requirements and conditions to which applicants for funds provided must respond in order to receive the funds.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Eligible non-profit dental clinics
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 296.** **"FILLINGS: THE CHOICES YOU HAVE - MERCURY AMALGAM AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS"**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §1094-C (Repealed)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To provide a required brochure to reflect current scientific and public health information.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Providers of clinical dental services offering restorative services
* INFORMATION ON ANY PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: To be repealed in FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 297. DENTAL CARE ACCESS CREDIT PROGRAM RULE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 36 MRS 5219-DD(5)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To establish the criteria for receiving the dental care access tax credit from the Maine CDC as well as describe the Maine CDC’s procedure in selecting the eligible dentists receiving the tax credit.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Dentists licensed in Maine on or after January 1, 2009.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 298. RULES GOVERNING THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY CARE TAX CREDIT**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 36 MRS §5219-LL(4)
* PURPOSE: To establish the criteria for receiving the primary care tax credit from the Maine CDC and describe the Department’s process in selecting the eligible primary care providers for the tax credit.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: MRS, Eligible primary care professionals working in underserved areas of Maine who apply for the income tax credit
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 504. RULES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 1985 AMENDMENTS TO THE *MAINE MEDICAL COMPACT ACT* AND MAINE OSTEOPATHIC STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (PRIMARY CARE)**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 20-A MRS §11804
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To describe the procedure that the Department will follow in determining areas that are underserved by primary care physicians.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Primary care physicians and health care facilities
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 506. RULES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 1985 AMENDMENTS TO THE *MAINE MEDICAL COMPACT ACT* (DENTAL CARE)**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 20-A MRS §11804-A(3).
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To describes the procedure that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services will follow in determining areas as underserved by dental care practitioners.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Dental care practitioners and dental facilities
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 508. SELECTION PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING SITES FOR STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (SLRP)**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 20-A MRS §12107
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To describe loan forgiveness through FAME for medical students pursuing qualifying medical specialties in medically underserved regions in Maine.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Physicians and health care facilities
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT:. None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 509. RULES FOR DESIGNATING AREAS, POPULATIONS OR HOSPITALS AS UNDERSERVED BY SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 20-A MRS §§ 11810 and 12006
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: Loan forgiveness through FAME for medical students pursuing qualifying medical specialties in medically underserved regions in Maine.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Physicians and health care facilities
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 510. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RURAL MEDICAL ACCESS PROGRAM**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 24-A MRS §6311
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: Disbursement of financial incentives to promote the availability of physicians to deliver babies in underserved areas of the State
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Physicians and health care facilities
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 512. COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To increase availability of primary health care practitioners in designated health, professional shortage areas through cooperative community, state and federal funding,
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Medical health care providers, consumers.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 700. MATERNAL, FETAL AND INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §261; PL2019, Ch. 671
* PURPOSE: To identify the factors associated with maternal and infant deaths and make recommendations for system changes to improve services for women andinfants in the State. Amendments required to reflect changes to statute in 2017.
* SCHEUDLE FOR ADOPTION: None planned
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals, healthcare providers, Women and infants
* EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST AGENDA: None
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 707.** **RULES RELATING TO THE NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM (NBCCEDP) IN MAINE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: Add the group of women, age 40-49, who are not high risk or symptomatic, as fourth priority and move women, age 35-59, who are symptomatic, as fifth priority under Priority for Program Expenditures (Section 6.0). If Komen grant is not reissued, will need to change Sections 2.1.1.1 and 6.0 eliminating the 35-39 year old age group.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine Equal Justice, women in the 35-39 year old age group, physicians and other health practitioners
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 708. RULES RELATING TO THE *BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT (BCCPTA)* IN MAINE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: These rules are created to implement the requirements of the *Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act*, which expand MaineCare full benefits to certain eligible women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer or a pre-cancerous condition. These rules are necessary to process enrollment applications received by the MBCHP and to establish protocol in determining eligibility to the treatment act program.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Participants in the Program and physicians and other health care providers.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 709. CRITICAL CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SCREENING**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 MRS §1532; 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE : To define screening and reporting requirements, program functions and responsibilities regarding screening for critical congenital heart disease.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals, healthcare providers, and parents of newborns.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 720. RULES GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY**

* STATUORY AUTHORITHY: 22 MRS §1242(5)
* PURPOSE: To implement Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT), which facilitates the treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted infections by prescribing, dispensing, furnishing, or otherwise providing prescription antibiotic drugs to the sexual partner(s) of persons clinically diagnosed with sexually transmitted infections without physical examination of the partner(s).
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals, organizations providing screening and treatment of individuals with sexually transmitted infections.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-146**

**Chapter 1**. **TRANSPORTATION AND FINAL DISPOSITION OF DEAD BODIES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 2843 and 2846
* PURPOSE: To set the responsibilities of municipal clerks, funeral directors and authorized persons for transportation and final disposition of dead bodies in Maine.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: General public, municipal clerks, funeral directors, crematories and cemetarians
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-146**

**Chapter 2. AMENDMENT OF VITAL RECORDS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 2705, 2761, 2765 -67, 2768(5), 2769(5)
* PURPOSE: To govern the responsibilities for correcting or completing data on vital records.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipal clerks and the general public.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-146**

**Chapter 3. EVIDENCE OF LEGITIMATION**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS Ch. 703; 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE: To govern the requirements for new birth certificate after legitimation.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipal clerks, DHHS, and the general public.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-146**

**Chapter 4. PUBLIC ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS Ch. 701; 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE: To explain the responsibilities of public access to Vital Records.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: General public
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULED FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-146**

**Chapter 5. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF CAUSE OF DEATH**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 42, 2842-A, 2847
* PURPOSE: This rule clarifies procedures for completing medical certification and registration of death records and fetal death records.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Physicians, general public, municipal clerks and medical certifiers
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-146**

**Chapter 6: MARRIAGE LICENSE AND REGISTRATION**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 19-A MRS Chapter 23 and 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE: To describe the responsibilities for the Department’s issuance of a marriage license and procedures for applying for marriage intentions, issuing a marriage license, filing cautions, who may officiate, as well as the methods marriages may be solemnized.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipal clerks and the general public.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY2021

**10-146**

**Chapter 7. VITAL RECORDS FEES**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22-A MRS §210
* PURPOSE: To set the cost applied to search, issue, or apply processes to vital records.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: DHHS and the general public.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-146**

**Chapter 9.** **DELAYED BIRTH REGISTRATION**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 42 and 2764
* PURPOSE: Regulations governing responsibilities for filing a delayed record of birth.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals, physicians, municipal clerks
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-146**

**Chapter 10**: **BIRTH REGISTRATION**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §§ 2706(8), 2761, 2761-B(6) - §2763
* PURPOSE: To govern the registration of live births in Maine.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Hospitals, physicians, municipal clerks
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-146**

**CHAPTER 11.** **VITAL STATISTICS ADMINISTRATION**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS Ch. 701, 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE: To describe the responsibilities for registration, collection, preservation, amendment, and certification of vital records; the collection of other reports required; and activities including the tabulation, analysis, publication, and dissemination of vital statistics.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: DHHS, municipal clerks, and general public.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY2021

**10-146**

**CHAPTER 12.** **ADULT ADOPTEES ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORD**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2768(5)
* PURPOSE: To establish data elements required in the contact preference form, medical history form and application form and to establish procedures for the Department issuing copies of original sealed birth records to adult adoptees.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Adult adoptees.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-146**

**CHAPTER 13.** **STATE SHARE OF VITAL RECORDS FEE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §263
* PURPOSE: To allocate funds from increased municipal fees as revenue for program operating expenses for the Maine CDC Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine Municipalities
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-148**

**CHAPTER 100 AIDS DRUG REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 MRS §19205
* PURPOSE:To govern the operation of the Maine AIDS Drug Assistance Program
* AFFECTED PARTIES:People living with HIV, Physicians, Physician’s Assistants, Nurse Practitioners
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**90-429 BOARD OF LICENSURE OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS**

**CHAPTER 1: RULES RELATING TO LICENSURE OF WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2628
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To administer licensing requirements for water treatment operators, establish classifications, set license fees and outline complaint procedures.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: All community and non-transient public water systems, which are required by federal law to designate licensed operators; any transient public water systems specifically required by the Drinking Water Program to obtain a licensed water operator; and all water treatment operators doing business in the State of Maine.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**95-659**

**CHAPTER 248. LIST OF VACCINES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSAL CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM.**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 MRS §1066(11)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To allow the Board, after it conducts a public hearing, to consider which vaccines should be covered by the Program, to vote to either maintain the current list of vaccines, or amend the list. The governing statute, 22 MRS §1066, requires the Board to review the vaccines covered by the Program on an annual basis.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Physicians and other healthcare practitioners
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**NEW RULES ANTICIPATED-MAINE CDC**

**10-146**

**Chapter 15. DEATH WITH DIGNITY REPORTING RULE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2140 (17)
* PURPOSE: This new rule will describe what medical providers must report to the Department’s Maine CDC, as well as what the Department will maintain for records, when a qualified patient with a terminal disease requests a lethal dose of medication to end their life.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Providers who prescribe lethal doses of medication; consulting physicians, qualified patients.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-146**

**Chapter 16. GENDER MARKER ON BIRTH RECORD RULE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2761
* PURPOSE: This new rule will provide administrative processes to designate X on birth records and issue a new record after changes are requested to the assigned gender marker and to change the first and middle name concurrent with gender marker change, through the Maine CDC Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine citizens interested in receiving a new birth record that reflects their gender identity
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

**10-144**

**Chapter 234. LEAD TESTING IN DRINKING WATER IN SCHOOLS RULE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §2604-B(3); 30-A MRS §6006-F(3)
* PURPOSE: This new rule will establish testing protocols, lead mitigation/abatement guidance measures from Maine CDC and public notification requirements for lead testing in all Maine schools.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: School administrators, municipalities/water districts, Maine CDC Drinking Water Program
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: 2020

**10-144**

**Chapter XXX.** **HIV/AIDS ASSISTANCE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 MRS §19205, 22 MRS §42
* PURPOSE: This new rule will set forth the eligibility requirements and govern the operation of HIV/AIDS Assistance granted through the HIV care program.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: People living with HIV/AIDS
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None planned
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**Chapter XXX. INSPECTION OF SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEMS**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRS §42 (3-B)
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To outline requirements for the inspection of plumbing and subsurface wastewater disposal systems.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Public, local plumbing inspectors, certified plumbing inspectors, municipal code enforcement officers.
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021

**10-144**

**Chapter XXX. UNIFORM EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER HEALTH PRACTITIONERS RULE**

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: PL2017 C 396
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To implement statute that establishes a registry of volunteer health practitioners who may provide health services subject to an emergency proclamation.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Health care practitioners, Maine Emergency Management Agency
* CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None anticipated
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: None anticipated

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **10-144, 10-148**, and **14-472**

AGENCY NAME: **Office of Child and Family Services**, Division of Child Welfare

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**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY**: List of all rules agency expects to propose between now and October, 2021.

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 33:** Family Child Care Provider Licensing Rule

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA Chapter 1663 and Chapter 1673.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule governs the licensing of family child care providers in Maine to protect the health, safety and welfare of the children.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholders will be consulted.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Parents, guardians, children and family child care owner/operators.

**10-144**

**CHAPTER 36:** Children’s Residential Care Facilities Licensing Rule

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA Chapter 1669, §8102.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: To address the health and safety licensing standards of all children’s residential care facilities, including secure capacity facilities.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholders will be consulted.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Children’s residential care providers, youth and adults to age 21.

**10-148**

**CHAPTER 6:** Child Care Subsidy Policy Manual

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 22 MRSA Chapter 1052-A, §3740
* PURPOSE: These rules establish, define, and clarify the primary responsibilities and processes for the planning and administration of child care subsidies funded with the Child Care Development Fund. The *Child Care and Development Fund (“CCDF”) Block Grant Act of 1990*, as amended, 42 USC §9858b (b)(1)(A), (the “Act”) requires the Lead Agency to “administer, directly, or through other governmental or non-governmental agencies” the funds received. The regulations at 45 CFR 98.11 provide that, in addition to retaining “overall responsibilities” for the administration of the program, the Lead Agency must also (among other things) promulgate all rules and regulations governing the overall administration of the CCDF Program.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholders will be consulted.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Parents in need of child care services and assistance with obtaining and payment of those services; individuals who provide child care services; and children who receive child care services.

**10-148**

**CHAPTER 14:** Rules for Levels of Care for Foster Homes

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 22 MRSA §4062.
* PURPOSE: These rules describe the procedures, requirements, and rates for the Office of Child and Family Services’ levels of care system.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Proposed rule will be presented for input to a variety of groups that are in involved in rate setting.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Children in care, individuals who care for children in foster care, treatment foster care agencies, children in foster care.

**10-148**

**CHAPTERS 15 and 16:** Rules for the Licensing of Family Foster Homes\* for Children and Rules Providing for the Licensing of Specialized Children’s Foster Homes\* (\*Planned name change to Resource Homes)

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 22 MRSA §8102.
* PURPOSE: These rules describe the procedures and requirements for licensing of resource families providing for care of children in state custody.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Rule changes are presented to a variety of groups that are involved. The Kinship Advisory Board will be a part of providing feedback.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Children in care, individuals who care for children in foster care, treatment foster care agencies, and kinship families.

**10-148**

**CHAPTER 21:** Rules for the Provision of Room and Board Payments for Residential Programs Serving Children

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 22 MRSA §4062.
* PURPOSE: These rules provide for reimbursement for room and board for residential programs serving children at a standard rate within the available funds, to ensure that the payments are reasonable and consistently applied to like programs while meeting the needs of the children in the facility.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholders will be consulted.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Agencies and businesses that provide residential care for children, children receiving residential services, parents of children receiving residential services.

**10-148**

**CHAPTER 32:** Rules for the Licensing of Child Care Facilities

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA Chapter 1663 and Chapter 1673.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule governs the licensing of child care facilities in Maine to protect the health, safety and welfare of the children.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholders will be consulted.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Parents, guardians, children and child care facility owner/ operators.

**10-148**

**CHAPTER 36:** Rules for the Licensing of Nursery Schools

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA Chapter 1663 and Chapter 1673.
* PURPOSE OF THE RULE: This rule governs the licensing of nursery schools in Maine to protect the health, safety and welfare of the children.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholders will be consulted.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* AFFECTED PARTIES: Parents, guardians, children and nursery school owner/operators.

**10-148**

**CHAPTER 201:** Procedures for the Abuse or Neglect Substantiation Process, for Appeals for Persons Substantiated as Perpetrators of Abuse or Neglect of Children, and Appeals for Denial of Access to Confidential Records

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 22 MRSA §4004.
* PURPOSE: These rules outline procedures to govern the substantiation/indicated process, and to notify and provide an appeal to persons who have been substantiated or indicated by the Department of Health and Human Services as having abused or neglected a child or children. In addition, this rule provides an appeal process for individuals denied access to their confidential child protective records.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholders will be consulted.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals found to be substantiated or indicated for abuse of children, families and children affected by abuse. Individuals seeking access to their confidential child protective records.

**14-472**

**CHAPTER 1:** Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services Who are Children in Need of Treatment

* STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 34-B MRSA §§ 3003 and 15002.
* PURPOSE: To provide for the rights of children receiving mental health services.
* PLANNED USE OF CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Stakeholders will be consulted.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: FY 2021.

LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Providers of mental health services to children, children, family members of children.

**AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: 14-118**

**AGENCY NAME:** Office of Behavioral Health Services (formerly Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services)

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**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**14-193, Chapter 1**, **Bureau of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 34-B M.R.S.A. §3003
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules govern the rights of recipients of Mental Health Services. The rules set the framework for interaction with the department, and the process by which consumers receive services. These rules will be amended to comply with state and federal changes, to update policy, and to implement changed services and regulations, as necessary. The pending private right of action statute will have accompanying rules.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is expected that the rules will be implemented over the course of the next year. The rules are currently undergoing a complete review for accuracy, clarity, and efficacy.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Other state agencies, providers, and adults who receive mental health services.

**14-118, Chapter 2-Driver Education and Evaluation Program Procedure Manual**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S.A. §20005 and 5 M.R.S.A. Part 25, c. 521 Sub-ch. 5
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules govern the Driver Education and Evaluation Program (DEEP) Procedures. They set forth the framework of how the system should function as well as the requirements for both consumers and providers. An internal review of the program has been occurring which will result in changes to the regulatory framework that governs DEEP.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is expected that the rules will be implemented over the course of the next year. The rules are currently undergoing a complete review for accuracy, clarity, and efficacy.
* AFFECTED PARTIES:Community Based Service Providers and OUI Offenders.

**14-118, Chapter \_\_-Rules Governing the Bridging Rental Assistance Program**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 34-B M.R.S.A. §3011
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules will govern the Bridging Rental Assistance Program (BRAP). They will set the framework of how the transitional housing voucher program should function as well as the requirements for consumers.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is expected that the rules will be implemented over the course of the next year, as these rules are currently in development.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Providers and individuals with mental illness.

**14-118, Chapter \_\_-Rules Governing the Certification of Recovery Residences**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 5 M.R.S.A. §20005 (P.L. 2019 ch. 524)
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules will establish criteria for the certification of recovery residences. The criteria will be based on criteria developed by a nationally recognized organization that supports persons recovering from substance use disorder and certification will be voluntary.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is expected that the rules will be implemented over the course of the next year, as these rules are currently in development.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Other state agencies, providers, and individuals who receive substance use disorder services.

**14-118, Chapter 19-Rules Governing Community-Based Drug Overdose Prevention Programs**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. §2353, (P.L. 2019 ch. 292)
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules establish policies and procedures related to the establishment of Overdose Prevention Programs and the storage, dispensing, and distribution of Naloxone Hydrochloride in Community-based Agency settings. These rules will add requirements for the storage, dispensation, and distribution of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Recovery Residences.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is expected that the rules will be implemented over the course of the next year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: Other state agencies, providers, and individuals who receive substance use disorder services.

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **10-149** and **14-197**

AGENCY NAME: **Office of Aging and Disability Services,** formerly two separate offices: the Office of Elder Services; and the Office of Adults with Cognitive and Physical Disability Services

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None

**EXPECTED 2019-2020 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**10-149, Chapter 1,** Adult Protective Services System

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 M.R.S. §3470 *et seq*.; 34-B M.R.S. §5604-A.
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules govern the operation of the Adult Protective Services unit. These rules will be amended to comply with state and federal changes, to update policy, and to implement changed services and regulations, as necessary. (Other APS rules fall under Chapter 5).
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, elders, and incapacitated and dependent adults.

**10-149, Chapter 5**, **Sections 1-75,** Office of Elder Services [Office of Aging and Disability Services] Policy Manual

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22-A M.R.S.A. §205; 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 342, 3493, 5106, 6108,

 6203, 7303, 7312, 7853, 8602, and 9002; and 24 M.R.S.A. §6214

* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules govern the operation of programs administered by the Office of Aging and Disability Services, including the State Unit on Aging programs, (under the *Older Americans Act*) the long term supports and services system of care, as well as the Adult Protective Services unit. These rules will be amended to comply with state and federal changes, to update policy, and to implement changed services and regulations, as necessary.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to other sections of these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, elders and adults with disabilities.

**14-197, Chapter 1,** General Administrative Policies and Procedures

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22-A MR.S.A. §205; and 34-B M.R.S.A. §§ 5201, 5465, and 5604
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These new rules will set out definitions, eligibility, policies and appeal procedures for persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197, Chapter 3**, Definition of Mental Retardation and Autism; Appeal Procedure

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22-A M.R.S.A. §205; 34-B M.R.S.A. §§ 5432, 5465, and 6003
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules set out definitions, policies and appeal procedures for persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder. These rules will be amended to comply with state and federal changes, to update policy, and to implement changed services and regulations, as necessary.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197, Chapter 4**, Joint Regulations Between Division of Special Education and Bureau of Mental Retardation

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22-A M.R.S.A. §205; 34-B M.R.S.A. §§ 5432, 5465, and 6003
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules are intended to coordinate the delivery of services for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism transitioning from receiving services in a school setting into the adult service system (although the rule is no longer relied upon by DHHS offices).
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: This rule will be repealed and the Department will consider replacement. It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autism receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197, Chapter 5**, Regulations Governing Behavioral Support, Modification and Management for People with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism in Maine

* STATUTORY BASIS: 34-B M.R.S.A. §5201(9), and §§ 5601 *et* *seq*.
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These regulations are designed to implement Maine law regarding the Rights of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism particularly when an individual is engaging in a challenging behavior.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197, Chapter 7**, Pilot Program for Transitional Services

* STATUTORY BASIS: 34-B M.R.S. §5609
* PURPOSE (of the rule): The intent of the rule was to carry out a Pilot Program for Transitional Services, offering a method of funding for innovative services which are otherwise unavailable or not reimbursable under existing funding systems. This rule is no longer in effect.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: This rule will be repealed, although it is not possible to establish a timeline for same.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autism receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197,** [**Chapter 8**](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/14/197/197c008.doc), Rule Describing Grievance and Appeals Procedures for Persons with

Intellectual Disabilities

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22-A MR.S.A. §205; and 34-B M.R.S.A. §§ 5201, 5465, and 5604
* PURPOSE (of the rule): This rule sets forth the grievance and appeal process for persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services from the Department. These rules will be amended to comply with state and federal changes, to update policy, and to implement changed services and regulations, as necessary.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department

**14-197,** [**Chapter 10**](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/14/197/197c010.doc), Certification Requirements for Agencies Seeking to Provide Community Based Targeted Case Management for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22-A M.R.S.A. §205; and 34-B M.R.S.A. §§ 5201, 5432 and 5465
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules set out the requirements for certification for agencies seeking to provide community based targeted case management for adults with intellectual disorders or autistic disorder. These rules will be amended to comply with state and federal changes, to update policy, and to implement changed services and regulations, as necessary.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197,** [**Chapter 11**](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/14/197/197c011.doc), Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22-A M.R.S.A. §205; and 34-B M.R.S.A. §§ 5201, 5432, and 5465
* PURPOSE (of the rule): These rules govern the Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Services program that provides services, subject to the availability of funds, for adults with severe disabilities. This program allows them to remain in their homes and communities and out of institutional settings. These rules will be amended to comply with state and federal changes, to update policy, and to implement changed services and regulations, as necessary.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197,** [**Chapter 12**](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/14/197/197c012.doc), Reportable Events System

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22-A M.R.S.A. §205; 18-A M.R.S.A. §§ 5-312, 5-601, 5-606, and 5-607; and 34-B M.R.S.A. §§ 3803, 3832, 5203, 5480, and 5601 *et seq.*
* PURPOSE (of the rule): This rule sets out the Department’s policy on reportable events and the investigation of allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults with intellectual disorders and autistic disorder and the process for individuals appealing a substantiation of abuse, neglect and exploitation. These rules will be amended to comply with state and federal changes, to update policy, and to implement changed services and regulations, as necessary.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197, Chapter 13**, **Support for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism in Crisis**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 34-B M.R.S.A. §5206, sub-§8*.*
* PURPOSE (of the rule): The purpose of the rule is to comply with Public Law 2019, ch. 290, *An Act To Strengthen Supports for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism in Crisis*. The Department of Health and Human Services shall study the existing services for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism and determine the adequacy of the MaineCare reimbursement methodology and rates paid to providers for meeting the needs of persons with intellectual disabilities or autism at risk for out-of-home placement due to challenging behavior that affects health and safety. The department shall report its findings, along with recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 30, 2020. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: The Department of Health and Human Services shall

provisionally adopt rules that are required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 5206, sub-§8, no later than April 1, 2020.

* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.

**14-197, Chapter 14**, **Brain Injury Resources for Underserved Populations, Including Opioid Overdose Brain Injury Survivors**

* STATUTORY BASIS: 22 MRSA §3088-A.
* PURPOSE (of the rule): The purpose of the rule is to comply with Public Law 2019, ch. 488, *An Act To Strengthen Brain Injury Resources for Underserved Populations*, Including Opioid Overdose Brain Injury Survivors. Within the limits of its available resources, the department may enter into contracts with organizations representing individuals with a brain injury and their families, bringing together state and national expertise to provide core brain injury support for underserved populations of individuals with an acquired brain injury, including, but not limited to, individuals who experienced an opioid drug overdose resulting in anoxic or hypoxic brain injury, who are veterans, who are victims of domestic violence, who are experiencing homelessness, who are ineligible for MaineCare and who have a newly acquired brain injury. For the purposes of this section, "core brain injury support" includes, but is not limited to, resource facilitation, brain injury support groups, outreach designed for individuals who have a newly acquired brain injury, access to a joint state and national helpline, information and resource education and family caregiver training. The department may adopt rules to implement this section.
* SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: It is not possible to predict when changes will be made to these regulations because of the nature of this work. Federal regulation changes, state legislation, and state-initiated changes because of identified problems and budget considerations require the timely amendment or adoption of new rules over the course of the year.
* LISTING OF AFFECTED PARTIES: other state agencies, providers, and persons with acquired brain injury receiving services funded in whole or in part by, licensed by, or provided pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Department.