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Rulemaking Update: Proposed Maine Children's Cancer Research Fund Rule Withdrawn

The Department of Health and Human Services has withdrawn its rule proposed to govern the administration of Maine's Children's Cancer Research Fund, established at 22 M.R.S. 1409 (1). Following a review of the public comments received on the proposed rulemaking published by Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention on February 25, 2026, the Department determined changes are necessary to best serve statutory intent, to support children's cancer research provided by research facilities in Maine that operate children's cancer programs. The Department will propose an updated rule that will outline the revised criteria and responsibilities for eligible recipients and describe the method for distributing funds.

In accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, public notice will be issued when the new Children's Cancer Research Fund rule is proposed, and this notice will include details for providing public comment.

You may find information on proposed and recently adopted rules at the Department's Rulemaking Page at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking>. Additionally, the [Secretary of State website](#) offers information regarding the rulemaking process and weekly rulemaking updates. You may opt to receive electronic notification from Maine CDC by subscribing to receive electronic rulemaking updates – just complete your preferences at the [Subscribers Preference Page](#). For general rulemaking information and updates from Maine CDC, click: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/about-us/rules>.
