

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION BUREAU OF INSURANCE 34 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0034

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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Insurance will hold a public hearing in a hybrid format on August 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Central Conference Room of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation building, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine to receive comments concerning proposed amendments to Rule Chapter 850 – Health Plan Accountability. The link to register for the hybrid meeting will be posted on the Bureau's website on the Public Event Notices page.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to conform the rule to reflect amendments to the Maine Health Plan Improvement Act enacted by Public Law 2021, Chapter 603 and by Public Law 2023, Chapter 680, and to comply with new federal requirements imposed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2024.

A copy of the proposed amendments is at https://www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/legal/rules#proposed

The amendments are proposed in accordance with 24-A M.R.S. §§ 212, 2772, 2774, 4218, 4218-A, 4222-A, 4303, 4309, and 4309-A.

Primary sources of information relied upon by the Bureau of Insurance in developing the proposed amendments include P.L. 2021, Ch. 603, P.L. 2023, Ch. 680, and Bureau staff's professional judgment.

All interested persons are invited to provide oral comments at the hearing or to submit written comments. Written comments must be received no later than September 7, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and should be addressed to: Karma Lombard, Maine Bureau of Insurance, 34 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, or Karma.Y.Lombard@maine.gov. A copy of the statement of impact on small business may be obtained from Ms. Lombard.

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities. Individuals in need of auxiliary aid for effective communication in the hearing are invited to make their needs and preference known to Karma Lombard at the Bureau of Insurance, telephone (207) 624-8540, sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATED: August 7, 2024

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