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**PROPOSALS**

**AGENCY: 10-148 Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 6, Child Care Affordability Program Rules**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P081**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Department determines that adoption of this rule is necessary for compliance with federal rule changes adopted in April 2024 for the use of CCDF funds, according to 42 U.S.C. 9858 *et seq.,* 45 C.F.R. Pt. 98. This routine/technical rulemaking is necessary to comply with Federal Rule updates according to 42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq., 45  C.F.R. Pt. 98. The Department adopted these changes on an emergency basis on 5/19/25 and this proposed rulemaking will adopt them after the emergency rule expires on 8/17/25 at 11:59pm EST (U.S. and Canada). Revisions to payment processes, including paying prospectively and by enrollment, as well as changes to co-payments are required to meet these federal rule changes. As well, the Department has proposed paying child care providers the market rates as part of these rule changes.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing will be held on Monday, June 16th, 2025 at 1pm Eastern Standard Time (U.S. and Canada) via Zoom at: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82633519819?pwd=jbbNXwiF03xMxUcSmAPMDJM5nzYO78.1>

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** The Department will accept written comments via U.S. mail, e-mail, or fax until Thursday, June 26th, 2025 at 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time (U.S. and Canada).

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**CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:** N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES:** The Department does not anticipate that this rulemaking will have any adverse impact on municipalities or counties.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 22 M.R.S.A. § 42(1); 22 M.R.S.A. ch. 1052-A; 22 M.R.S.§ 3731-A

**SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED:** 42 U.S.C. 9858 *et seq.,* 45 C.F.R. Pt. 98

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**AGENCY: 16-222 Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 19,** **Died While In the Line of Duty Death Benefits for Law Enforcement Officers**

**TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P082**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This chapter outlines the procedures governing the award of death benefits to the child, spouse or parent of a law enforcement officer who dies while in the line of duty. 25 MRS §§1611 – 1612.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: None applicable

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** 11:59 PM Friday, June 27, 2025

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**CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT** *(if different)*: N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*: N/A

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 25 M.R.S. §§ 1611-1612

**SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED** *(if different)*: N/A

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**ADOPTIONS**

**AGENCY: 01-015 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Milk Commission**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 3, Schedule of Minimum Prices (Order #06-25)**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-118**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Minimum June 2025 Class I price is $21.76/cwt. plus $1.63/cwt. for Producer Margins, an over-order premium of $1.04/cwt as prevailing in Southern New England, and a $0.47/cwt. handling fee, for a total of **$25.10/cwt**., which includes a $0**.20**/cwt Federal promotion fee.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, June 1, 2025**

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**AGENCY: 17-229 Department of Transportation**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 602, Rules Relating to Maine State Ferry Service Tolls**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-119**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) is responsible for establishing the tolls for the use of the Maine State Ferry Service. The tolls adopted in this rulemaking update the tolls set out in Schedule A of MaineDOT’s Rules Relating to Maine State Ferry Service Tolls (Chapter 602).

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, June 1, 2025**

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**AGENCY: 01-017 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine State Harness Racing Commission**

**CHAPTER NUMBERS AND TITLES:**

**Ch. 5, Tracks**

**Ch. 9, Sires Stakes**

**Ch. 11, Medications, Prohibited Substances and Testing.**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBERS: 2025-120 (Ch. 5), 2025-121 (Ch. 9), 2025-122 (Ch. 11)**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The changes below are to promote and ensure the efficiency and integrity of racing meets, clarify the rules for participants and racing officials, and protect the betting public and the horses that compete. The changes will benefit the licensees and others involved in harness racing by ensuring that all participants are given an equal opportunity to compete on a level playing field. These changes are geared to ensure the safety and welfare of the participating horses.

The changes to Chapter 5 include adding a new section imposing simulcast requirements at all licensee tracks.

The changes to Chapter 9 include, but are not limited to, the following sections:

* Sec. 4 adds track sizes correlated to qualifying times for performance eligibility.
* Sec. 4(7) allows 3-year-old Maine Sires Stakes horses into the furosemide program
* Sec. 5(2)(C) makes changes to the purse distribution percentages
* Sec. 6(4) adds language pertaining to the draw procedure

The changes to Chapter 11 include, but are not limited to, the following sections:

* Sec. 2, and throughout the Chapter, updates the references to the most recent version of the Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Model Penalty Rule Issued by the ARCI
* Sec. 2(9)(C)(3) adds a section to permit quarantine testing in the event of a TCO2 positive
* Sec. 3(8)(E) provides that an owner will be notified of a positive test result by written notice only
* Sec. 4 (2)(A)(2) provides the conditions under which a Sires Stakes horse can participate in the furosemide program
* Sec. 5(4) removes the Right to Inspect and Seize

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, June 1, 2025**

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