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MHPA Testifies Before Maine’s Health and Human Services Committee in Support of LD 1878, HP 1249

(Washington, DC) – Today, MHPA Director of State Affairs Stephanie Myers testified at a hearing before the Maine Health and Human Services Committee in support of legislation to establish Medicaid managed care in the Pine Tree State.

“At its core, Medicaid managed care exemplifies the public-private partnership that, through competition inherent to the bidding process – drives innovation and works to ensure that the state and federal dollars invested in Maine’s Medicaid program are used as effectively and efficiently as possible,” said Myers. “Medicaid MCOs are partners in the delivery of care and services whether working with their partner states, the federal government, providers, community organizations, or Medicaid beneficiaries.”

State Rep. Holly Stover (D–Boothbay) sponsored LD 1878, HP 1249: An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services which was also cosponsored by State Sens. Harold L. Stewart III (R–Aroostook), Marianne Moore (R–Washington), and Cameron D. Reny, (D–Lincoln) as well as State Reps. Lori K. Gramlich (D–Old Orchard Beach), Kathy Irene Javner (R–Chester), John E. Ducharme III (R–Madison), Daniel Joseph Shagoury (D–Hallowell), Anne P. Graham (D–North Yarmouth) and Michael F. Brennan (D–Portland).

“In addition to being accountable both financially and qualitatively, MCOs strive to provide innovative solutions that improve the lives of their enrollees,” continued Myers. “Medicaid MCOs are uniquely positioned to provide holistic care to Mainers through their care management and care coordination operations. Support provided by a care coordination team and consistent care management can help a child and family navigate multiple health care systems and providers to ensure access to timely and appropriate care.”

Concluding today’s hearing, the Committee will schedule a work session in the next few weeks to markup and address the legislation.

Access the full testimony [here](#).

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