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Maine Family Planning Applauds State Senate on Passing LD 820

AUGUSTA – Maine Family Planning applauds the state Senate for passing LD 820, which would ensure equitable public and private insurance coverage for abortion care. The bill now moves on for procedural votes.

LD 820 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide coverage to MaineCare members for abortion services and requires that health insurance carriers that provide coverage for maternity services also provide coverage for abortion services. At a public hearing in April, DHHS, medical providers, and patients all delivered powerful testimony in favor of the bill.

“The ability to obtain abortion care should not depend on how much money you make or what type of insurance you have,” said Kate Brogan, VP of Public Affairs. “This legislation will be a dramatic step toward making that a reality for the people of Maine. We congratulate the Maine House and Senate on recognizing that access to safe and legal health care isn’t a privilege reserved for people with financial means.”

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