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A	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "" to S.P. 889, L.D. 2096, "An Act to Ensure access to Nonopioid, Nonnarcotic Medication for Acute Pain Relief"
	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
'/	An Act to Ensure Access to Pain Management Services in Health Insurance Plans'
fc	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the bllowing:
	'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4311-A is enacted to read:
<u>§</u>	4311-A. Access to pain management services
<u>ir</u> n	<b>1.</b> Access to pain management services. A carrier shall develop a plan to provide dequate coverage of and access to a broad spectrum of pain management services, neluding, but not limited to, nonopioid, nonnarcotic medication for pain management and onmedication pain management services that serve as alternatives to the prescribing of pioid or narcotic drugs in accordance with guidelines developed by the bureau.
<u>a</u> a	<b>2. Approval by bureau.</b> A carrier shall file a plan required under subsection 1 with the bureau for approval. In its review, the bureau shall consider the adequacy of access to broad spectrum of pain management services under the plan and whether any policies dopted by the carrier may create unduly preferential coverage of and access to prescribed pioids for pain management without consideration of other pain management services.
ir	<b>3.</b> Information for enrollees. A carrier shall distribute educational materials to etwork providers about a pain management access plan under subsection 1 and post aformation about the pain management access plan on the carrier's publicly accessible rebsite.
Ja	<b>Sec. 2. Application.</b> This Act applies to all policies, contracts and certificates xecuted, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in the State on or after anuary 1, 2026. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

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1 2	Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.
3	PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF
4	Insurance - Bureau of 0092
5 6	Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for a consultant to develop guidance on pain management plans.
7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2023-24 2024-25
8 9	All Other \$0 \$25,000
10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$0 \$25,000
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12	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
13	number to read consecutively.
14	SUMMARY
15	This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires health
16 17	insurance carriers to develop a plan to provide adequate coverage and access to a broad
17	spectrum of pain management services, including, but not limited to, nonopioid, nonnarcotic pain management services and nonmedication pain management services that
19	serve as alternatives to the prescribing of opioid or narcotic medication. Carriers are
20	required to file their plans with the Bureau of Insurance for approval. The bureau must
21	consider the adequacy of access to a broad spectrum of pain management services under a
22	carrier's plan and whether any policies adopted by the carrier may create unduly
23	preferential coverage of and access to prescribed opioids for pain management without
24 25	consideration of other pain management services. The amendment requires a carrier to distribute educational materials to network providers about the carrier's pain management
23 26	access plan and to post information about the carrier's pain management access plan on the
20	carrier's publicly accessible website. The requirements apply to health plans issued or
28	renewed on or after January 1, 2026.
29	The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.
30	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
31	(See attached)

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