

## Title 22, Chapter 255, CANCER

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### Chapter 255: CANCER

#### §1401. Prevention and treatment

The department is authorized to make investigations concerning cancer, the prevention and treatment thereof, and the mortality therefrom, and to take such action as it may deem will assist in bringing about a reduction in the mortality due thereto.

#### §1402. Duty of physicians and hospitals

All hospitals and other health care facilities providing screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services with respect to cancer shall report to the Department of Human Services all persons diagnosed as having a malignant tumor or certain benign tumors as determined by rule no later than 6 months from the date of diagnosis. The report must include information on the person's usual occupation and industry of employment and other elements determined by rule to be appropriate. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. [2003, c. 421, §11 (amd).]

A physician, surgeon or other health care practitioner who diagnoses or provides treatment for cancer patients, upon notification by the Department of Human Services, shall report to the department any further information requested by the department concerning any person now or formerly under the health care practitioner's care, diagnosed as having or having had a malignant tumor. A physician, surgeon or other health care practitioner who diagnoses or provides treatment for cancer patients is required to report any newly diagnosed cancer case to the department when that patient will not be referred to a reporting facility for diagnosis or treatment. [1995, c. 292, §1 (amd).]

A facility or individual complying with the reporting requirements of this section is not liable for any civil damages as a result of such acts. [1995, c. 292, §1 (amd).]

The requirements of this section do not apply to health care practitioners who provide treatment by spiritual means alone. [1995, c. 292, §1 (new).]

PL 1971, Ch. 603, § (NEW).  
PL 1985, Ch. 407, §1 (AMD).  
PL 1995, Ch. 292, §1 (AMD).  
PL 2003, Ch. 421, §11 (AMD).

#### §1403. Registry (REPEALED)

PL 1971, Ch. 603, § (NEW).  
PL 1975, Ch. 61, § (RP).  
PL 1975, Ch. 293, §4 (AMD).

#### §1404. Cancer-incidence registry

The Department of Human Services shall establish, maintain and operate a statewide cancer-incidence registry. [1981, c. 507, § 1 (new).]

PL 1981, Ch. 507, §1 (NEW).

#### §1405. Cancer Prevention and Control Advisory Committee (REPEALED)

PL 1987, Ch. 542, §E2,E3 (NEW).

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PL 1989, Ch. 503, §B82 (AMD).

PL 1991, Ch. 622, §S25 (RP ).

### §1405-A. Cancer Prevention and Control Advisory Committee (REPEALED)

PL 1991, Ch. 780, §LL2 (NEW).

PL 2001, Ch. 574, §10 (RP ).

### §1406. Maine Cancer Registry Data Review Committee

The Maine Cancer Registry Data Review Committee, referred to in this section as the "committee," is established. The committee is appointed and convened by the Bureau of Health to review and advise the administrators of the statewide cancer-incidence registry established in section 1404 on the release of identifiable data as requested by researchers for the purposes of cancer prevention, control and research. The committee is composed of not fewer than 3 members, representing training and experience in the fields of medical or public health research or disease prevention and control. The committee must be guided by rules adopted by the Bureau of Health providing for the protection of the confidentiality of all cancer case data reported to the registry. [2001, c. 574, §11 (new).]

PL 2001, Ch. 574, §11 (NEW).

### §1407. Cancer prevention, research and treatment

**1. Program established.** The Bureau of Health shall establish a cancer prevention and control program to provide leadership for and coordination of cancer prevention, research and treatment activities. The program may include, but is not limited to:

A. Monitoring cancer prevalence at the state and community levels through the cancer-incidence registry under section 1404 and other means;

[2003, c. 215, §1 (new).]

B. Education and training of health professionals on the current methods of diagnosing and treating cancer;

[2003, c. 215, §1 (new).]

C. Patient and family education on how to manage the disease and the treatment of the disease; and

[2003, c. 215, §1 (new).]

D. Consultation with and support of community-based cancer prevention, research and treatment programs.

[2003, c. 215, §1 (new).]

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**2. Consultation.** In implementing the program established in subsection 1, the Bureau of Health shall consult with the Medicaid program administered by the department and with the Department of Education. In addition, the bureau shall seek advice from other organizations and private entities concerned with cancer prevention, research and treatment.

[2003, c. 215, §1 (new).]

**3. Funding.** The Bureau of Health may accept federal funds and grants for implementing the program established in subsection 1 and may contract for work with outside vendors or individuals.

[2003, c. 215, §1 (new).]

PL 2003, Ch. 215, §1 (NEW).