

Annual List of Rulemaking Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019
Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5

Agency name: **ConnectME Authority**
Umbrella-Unit: **99-639**
Statutory authority: 35-A MRS ch. 93
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 101**, ConnectME Authority
Filing number: **2019-091**
Effective date: 6/30/2019
Type of rule: Major Substantive
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

To address statutory changes made to 35-A MRS ch. 93 in the 127th session of the Maine State Legislature.

Basis statement:

- Ch. 101 is a revision to the existing ch. 101 promulgated in 2007.
- This rule is a refinement and clarification of the duties of the ConnectME Authority and includes:
 - o changes in definitions and terms used in the chapter;
 - o changes in data filing requirements;
 - o the elimination of the Infrastructure Grant program challenge process; and
 - o the addition of the Planning Grant program and associated processes.
- The basis for the rule change is statutory changes made in the 127th Legislature (2015).

Fiscal impact of rule:

None.

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Umbrella-Unit: **99-639**
Statutory authority: 35-A MRS ch. 93
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 101**, ConnectME Authority
Filing number: **2019-215**
Effective date: 12/2/2019
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:
(See Basis Statement)

Basis statement:

PL 2019 ch. 343 part SSSS directed the ConnectME Authority to add an additional surcharge of 10 cents per line or number to fund the ConnectME fund and to plainly identify the surcharge on a bill. This rule amends Section 7 of the ConnectME rule to implement that statute.

Fiscal impact of rule:
None.