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Good Morning,

Over the last several weeks the Dirigo Health Agency has received many calls and e-mails from DirigoChoice members asking about Question 1. As reported in the most recent DirigoChoice Member Newsletter, Question 1 will be on the November 4th ballot and may affect funding for the program. The wording of the question is provided below:

Do you want to reject the parts of the new law that change the method of funding Maine's Dirigo Health Program through charging health insurance companies a fixed fee on paid claims and adding a tax to malt liquor, wine and soft drinks?
Yes or No

A No vote on Question 1 means that the new funding mechanism for the Dirigo Health Agency will take effect.

A Yes vote on Question 1 means that the new funding mechanism for the Dirigo Health Agency will be repealed.

I hope this information is helpful.

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