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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 10, L.D. 5, Bill, "An Act To Promote Provision of Dental Services to Indigent Children"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Study Initiatives To Increase Access to Dental Services for Children in the MaineCare Program'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Study to increase access to dental services for children in the MaineCare program. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a broadly representative working group to study initiatives to increase access to dental services for children in the MaineCare program. In convening the working group, the department shall invite representatives of dentists, dental hygienists, MaineCare members, the MaineCare Advisory Committee, the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance and other interested parties. In the study, the working group shall review options for increasing access for children, including, but not limited to, increasing reimbursement to the provider of dental services for the first visit for a new patient, increasing reimbursement for providers of dental services who care for a large volume of MaineCare members, incentives for federally qualified health centers to provide or increase dental care and the possibility of the provider's directing MaineCare reimbursement to a deferred compensation or retirement plan. The department shall report on the results of the study by the working group by February 1, 2006 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a broadly representative working group to study initiatives to increase access to dental services for children in the MaineCare program. The amendment directs the department to report on the results of the study by the working group by February 1, 2006 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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An Act To Promote Provision of Dental Services to Indigent Children

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Humans Services in implementing in this bill can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgetary resources.