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L.D. 78

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 64, L.D. 78, Bill, "An Act To Facilitate Access to the MaineCare Family Planning Benefit"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3173-G in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "eligible," the following: "The department shall implement this subsection in accordance with 42 United States Code, Section 1396r-1."

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3173-G by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 (page 1, lines 19 to 29 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3173-G by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, removes the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services automatically review an individual's eligibility for the family planning benefit if the individual is found ineligible under another MaineCare section. It also removes the requirement that the department use a single application form. This amendment clarifies that presumptive eligibility must be implemented in accordance with 42 United States Code, Section 1396r-1, which outlines the timing and other requirements of presumptive eligibility for states.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 78

LR 427(02)

An Act To Facilitate Access to the MaineCare Family Planning Benefit

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-132)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The presumptive eligibility language in the bill could increase costs to the Department of Health and Human Services as new individuals could apply and receive MaineCare eligibility. As it is unknown how many individuals would become eligible who would not have applied for eligibility without the presumptive eligibility determination from the provider, no fiscal estimate of these costs can be provided at this time.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services for rule-making are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.