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L.D. 331
(Filing No. H-270)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 231, L.D. 331, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports"

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

'Emergency' preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Maine hospitals are currently experiencing extreme financial pressures, exacerbated by the MaineCare funding shortfall; and

Whereas, certain MaineCare reimbursements to hospitals are made years after service is delivered; and

Whereas, accelerating MaineCare reimbursements to hospitals before the expiration of the 90-day period will help to alleviate the acute financial strain on the health care system in this State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142**

Initiative: Provides funding to establish one Staff Auditor II position to review and verify hospital cost reports and prepare payments for settlement. The initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

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1	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
3	Personal Services	\$42,758	\$44,776
4	All Other	\$2,902	\$2,902
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,660	\$47,678
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
9	Personal Services	\$64,136	\$67,164
10	All Other	\$6,033	\$6,107
11			
12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$70,169	\$73,271
13	Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147		
14	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to accelerate the payment of MaineCare		
15	reimbursements currently due to hospitals.		
16	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
17	All Other	\$51,000,000	\$0
18			
19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$51,000,000	\$0
20	Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147		
21	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to transition to MaineCare reimbursement of at least		
22	75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to a hospital's cost reports within 90 days of receipt.		
23	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
24	All Other	\$23,860,357	\$0
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26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,860,357	\$0
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28	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
29	All Other	\$59,486,943	\$0
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31	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$59,486,943	\$0
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33	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
34	All Other	\$1,053,730	\$0
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36	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,053,730	\$0
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38	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
39	DEPARTMENT OF		
40	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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42	GENERAL FUND	\$74,906,017	\$47,678

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1	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$59,486,943	\$0
2	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$70,169	\$73,271
3	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$1,053,730	\$0
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5	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$135,516,859</u>	<u>\$120,949</u>
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7 Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

8 **'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
9 takes effect when approved.'

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

SUMMARY

13 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause, removes the
14 language requiring that the Department of Health and Human Services implement the
15 resolve's requirements within existing resources and adds an appropriations and allocations
16 section providing state funds and associated federal matching funds to accelerate
17 reimbursements currently owed to hospitals by the MaineCare program.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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LD 331

LR 1011(02)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-270)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$74,906,017	\$47,678	\$49,271	\$50,677
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$74,906,017	\$47,678	\$49,271	\$50,677
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$59,486,943	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$70,169	\$73,271	\$75,719	\$77,879
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$1,053,730	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$51,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 to accelerate the payment of outstanding MaineCare reimbursements due to hospitals and \$23,860,357 also in fiscal year 2025-26 to implement payment of MaineCare reimbursement of at least 75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to a hospital's cost reports within 90 days of receipt. One-time Federal Expenditures Fund and Federal Block Grant Fund allocations are included in fiscal year 2025-26 for the FMAP match for implementing reimbursement at 75% of the settlement within 90 days of receipt. No FMAP match is included for the one-time appropriations to address outstanding payments due to hospitals, as it is unknown whether those payments will qualify for federal match.

The bill also includes ongoing General Fund costs of \$45,660 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$44,678 in fiscal year 2026-27 to establish one Staff Auditor II position to review hospital cost reports, conduct testing and prepare interim settlements for payment to hospitals. Ongoing Other Special Revenue allocations are included for the position.