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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

have not increased by 5%. That report would include average of TANF assistance levels across the New England states.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 461 allows the Commissioner of Human Services to increase the maximum levels of assistance in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or TANF, program if there are unexpended funds in the ASPIRE or TANF accounts. It also requires the Department of Human Services to report to the Legislature in years following years in which the maximum assistance levels have not increased by 5%. That report must include the average of TANF assistance levels across the New England states.

LD 1896

Resolve, to Increase Certain Reimbursement Rates under the Medicaid Program

RESOLVE 76

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KANE PENDLETON	OTP-AM	H-602 S-386 MICHAUD

LD 1896 proposed to increase reimbursement rate for chiropractic manipulation under the Medicaid program from the current \$9 per hour to \$20 per hour.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-602) proposed to change the fee for chiropractic manipulation under the Medicaid program from \$20 per hour to \$20 per service. It proposed to add appropriation and allocation sections.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-386) proposed to change the title of the resolve and change the effective date to October 1, 2000. The amendment also proposed to change the reimbursement rates for speech and hearing centers by 18% over current Medicaid rates effective November 1, 1999. See also Resolve 1999, chapter 28.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 76 increases the reimbursement rate for chiropractic manipulation under the Medicaid program from the current \$9 per hour to \$20 per service effective October 1, 2000. It also changes the reimbursement rates for speech and hearing centers by 18% over current Medicaid rates effective November 1, 1999.

LD 1902

An Act to Allow Emergency Room Personnel to Search Patients Who have Threatened Themselves or Others

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FRECHETTE	ONTP	

LD 1902 proposed to authorize certain emergency room personnel to search a patient who may pose a threat to the patient or others.