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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 126, L.D. 412, Bill, "AN ACT Providing Funds for Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 2nd line (same in L.D.) the figure "\$45,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$35,000'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the Statement of Fact, the following:

'The following formula shall be used in the reimbursement to families or individuals for drugs and treatment of patients with cystic fibrosis:

- 1. Total Income of Family\$
- 2. Subtract Annual Family Costs of Medicines, Supplies, Travel, etc.: \$
- 3. Divide Answer to #2 by Number in Family: \$
 - 4. If the Amount in #3 is:

\$5,001 or more - no reimbursement \$4,501 - \$5,000-10% reimbursement \$4,001 - \$4,500-15% reimbursement \$3,501 - \$4,000-20% reimbursement \$3,001 - \$3,500-25% reimbursement \$2,801 - \$3,000-30% reimbursement \$2,601 - \$2,800-35% reimbursement \$2,401 - \$2,600-40% reimbursement \$2,201 - \$2,400-45% reimbursement \$2,001 - \$2,200-50% reimbursement \$1,800 - \$2,000-55% reimbursement \$1,700 - \$1,799-60% reimbursement \$1,600 - \$1,699-65% reimbursement \$1,500 - \$1,599-70% reimbursement \$1,400 - \$1,499-75% reimbursement \$1,300 - \$1,399-80% reimbursement



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\$1,200 - \$1,299-85% reimbursement \$1,000 - \$1,199-90% reimbursement \$ 0 - \$ 999-100% reimbursement

The formula shall be used by the Director of Social Services at the 3 clinics involved, Portland Maine Medical Center, Lewiston Central Maine General Hospital and Bangor St. Joseph Hospital, for the benefit of all cystic fibrosis patients in Maine and the following rules shall apply:

No family or person shall be eligible for these funds if their medical expenses are covered by insurance, except where those costs exceed the amount covered by such insurance that excess may be used in the formula; and, no family or person receiving aid through any local, state or federal or national program, either governmental or private, shall be entitled to reimbursement under this formula except where the costs exceed such aid and only that excess may be used in the formula.

The distribution of these funds shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Health and Welfare.

Definitions.

- 1. "Income" shall mean gross income as reported under IRS regulations.
- 2. "Costs" shall mean all prescribed medicine and drugs, hospitalization and physicians and related costs and any travel related to medical attention.

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- 3. "Members of Family" shall mean all persons living in the home and dependent on the head of the household for support who meet IRS regulations as dependents.
- 4. "Amount left Over" shall be determined by records available or provable, and at the discretion of the Director of Social Services based on standards set by the Department of Health and Welfare.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require a sliding scale of reimbursement.

Reported by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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