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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 873

H. P. 697

House of Representatives, February 28, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln.

Cosponsor: Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Payments to Providers of Health Care Services by the
Department of Health and Welfare.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

22 MRSA § 254 is enacted to read:

§ 254. Payments for health care services provided to the State

The Department of Health and Welfare shall, within 60 days of receipt of a claim submitted by a provider of health care services, pay the claim or pay the claim on an adjusted basis after consultation with the provider or decline to pay the claim and advise the provider of the basis for declining to pay the claim.

For purposes of this section, "provider of health care services" means a hospital licensed by the department or an individual licensed pursuant to Title 32 who provides medical, osteopathic, dental, optometric, psychiatric or rehabilitative services or who supplies drugs pursuant to a prescription when the recipient of the services provided by a provider of health care services is eligible to have such services, or a monetary portion thereof, paid by the department under any program which the department either operates, administers or serves in the capacity of fiscal intermediary for any other state or federal agency.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to impose a time limitation on the Department of Health and Welfare in the administration of claims submitted by providers of health care services.