

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 1207

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Designating Family Day Care as a Priority Social Service.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 22 MRSA § 6110, as enacted by P&SL, 1973, c. 38, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**§ 6110. Designation of priority social services**

The following types of social services, or so much of expenditures for these types of social services which do not qualify under federal legislation for payment from federal sources are designated as priority social services for payment of expenditures from state funds appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter:

Home maker - Health Aide Services;

Developmental Day Care;

Family Day Care;

Services for the Mentally Retarded;

Mental Health Services;

Transportation Services;

Meals for Older People;

Coordinated Elderly Programs.

**Sec. 2.** 22 MRSA § 6111, sub-§§ 4 and 5, as enacted by P&SL 1973, c. 38, § 1, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

4. Maximum state share of costs. State funds appropriated for priority social services may be used to pay a portion of expenditures under each agreement for each type of social service in an amount not to exceed the maximum percentage for state funds of the total expenditures for each type of priority social service as specified below. The maximum percentage for state funds of the total expenditures for each type of service shall not exceed:

- 75% for homemaker - health aide service;
- 75% for developmental day care;
- 75% for family day care;
- 75% for services for the mentally retarded;
- 50% for mental health services;
- 50% for transportation services;
- 50% for meals for older people;
- 50% for coordinated elderly programs.

5. Maximum use of nonstate resources. State funds paying a portion of expenditures for priority social services shall be valid only when "earned" or "matched" by expenditure of nonstate resources. The expenditure of such resources shall be in an amount at least equal to the minimum percentage for nonstate resources of the total expenditures for each type of priority social service as specified below. The minimum percentage for nonstate resources of the total expenditures for each type of service shall be:

- 25% for homemaker - health aide service;
- 25% for developmental day care;
- 25% for family day care;
- 25% for services to the mentally retarded;
- 50% for mental health services;
- 50% for transportation services;
- 50% for meals for older people;
- 50% for coordinated elderly programs.

Nonstate resources authorized to qualify to earn or match funds shall include private funds such as gifts, grants, fees for service or contributions; in-kind resources that are actual out of pocket expenditures or actual loss of revenue related directly and essentially as an integral part of the operation of a priority social service; and public revenues such as municipal taxes, a municipal or county amount of federal revenue sharing funds, other appropriate federal resources and state revenue sharing funds and such other public resources as may be received by, generated by or available to a municipal or county government or other political subdivision or quasi-governmental bodies.

**Any portion of state funds appropriated for priority social services may be used to earn federal funds to offer social services to residents who do not qualify for social services payable under Title IV-A and XVI of the social Security Act.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to encourage more family-like care of children whose parents must obtain care for them. Recipients of welfare are often able to work in their own homes caring for children. Not only would this bill assist children needing day care but costs of the welfare rolls would be reduced.