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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-322)  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1009, L.D. 1205, Bill,  
"AN ACT Concerning Review of Fees for Providers under the  
Medical Assistance Program."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173, as last repealed and replaced  
by PL 1979, c. 127, §144, is amended by adding at the end  
2 new paragraphs to read:

During the annual review of fee schedules required by  
this section, the department shall consult with individual  
providers participating in the Medical Assistance Program  
and their representative associations to consider, among other  
factors, the cost of providing specific services, the effect  
of inflation or other economic factors on the adequacy  
of the existing fee schedule and its obligation under  
the federal Medicaid program to ensure sufficient provider  
participation in the program.

The annual review of fee schedules, as required by this  
section, shall be conducted by the department sufficiently in  
advance of the beginning of each legislative session so  
that annual review information is available for the  
Governor's budget preparation process and the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall take effect  
January 1, 1982.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment  
removes<sup>from</sup> the bill provisions making fee schedule modifications subject to rule-making provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, makes the annual review information specifically available for the Governor's budget preparation process and for the Legislature and makes it clear that the review consultation that the bill creates does not require immediate fee adjustment, but is merely part of an existing on-going process. The new provisions of the bill are to go into effect January 1, 1982, thus allowing the department to complete its reviews for the 1982-83 budget process.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.  
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