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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1205

H. P. 1009

House of Representatives, March 10, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Boyce of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Concerning Review of Fees for Providers under the Medical Assistance Program.

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

22 MRSA § 3173, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 127, § 144, is amended by adding at the end 3 new paragraphs to read:

During the annual review of fee schedules required by this section, the department shall consult with individual providers and their representative associations in order to establish fair, reasonable and adequate fees to be paid to providers under this chapter. In setting fees under this section, the department shall 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 schedules and its obligation under the federal Medicaid program to ensure sufficient provider participation in the program.

The annual fee schedule modifications shall be considered proposed rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, and shall be subject to the rule-making provisions in Title 5, sections 8051 to 8058.

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 any budgetary changes required by modification of the fee schedules can be submitted timely to the Legislature for consideration.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish an effective procedure for annual review of fee schedules for providers of services under the law governing medical aid to needy persons. This will ensure that the fees are fair, reasonable and adequate.