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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1194

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7 S.P. 394

In Senate, March 15, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent
9 down for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsor: Senator Gill of Cumberland.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Establish and Provide
18 Reimbursement for a Hospice Care Program.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 418 is enacted to read:

23 CHAPTER 418

24 HOSPICE CARE

25 §2131. Intent

26 It is the intent of the State to support, through
27 its licensing and reimbursement policies, the provi-
28 sion of complete and individualized care programs for
29 the physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological
30 needs of terminally ill individuals and their fam-
31 ilies.

1 §2132. Definition

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context indi-
3 cates otherwise, the following terms have the follow-
4 ing meanings.

5 1. Hospice care program. "Hospice care program"
6 means a coordinated, interdisciplinary program for
7 meeting the special physical, psychological, spiri-
8 tual and social needs of dying individuals and their
9 families by providing palliative and supportive medi-
10 cal, nursing and other health services through home
11 or inpatient care during the illness and bereavement.
12 These services shall be provided:

13 A. By a facility licensed under chapter 405 that
14 provides a hospice care program that is:

15 (1) Separate and distinct from any other
16 program offered by the facility;

17 (2) Admits at least 2, but not more than 8,
18 individuals who are unrelated and who meet
19 the conditions of paragraph B; and

20 (3) Certified by the department in accor-
21 dance with section 2133; and

22 B. To individuals who have no reasonable pros-
23 pect of a cure and, as estimated by a physician,
24 have a life expectancy of less than 6 months and
25 to the families of those individuals.

26 §2133. Reimbursement; certification

27 The department shall provide reimbursement, under
28 the Medical Assistance Program, for services provided
29 through a certified hospice care program and shall
30 promulgate regulations, in accordance with the provi-
31 sions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act,
32 Title 5, chapter 375, which are the criteria for cer-
33 tification as an approved hospice care program.

34 Sec. 2. 24 MRS §2332 is enacted to read:

35 §2332. Hospice care coverage

1 also provides for reimbursement through the Medical
2 Assistance Program and major 3rd party insurers for
3 these services.

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