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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1689

S.P. 581

In Senate, May 24, 1983

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Clark of Cumberland.

Cosponsors: Senator Pray of Penobscot, Senator Brown of Washington and Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Establish Reimbursement
Principles Governing Nonprofit Hospital
and Medical Service Organization
Agreements with Rural Health Centers.

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

24 MRSA §2324, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 376, is amended to read:

1. Contract coverage. Every nonprofit hospital and medical service organization which issues group and individual health care contracts providing coverage for inpatients and outpatient hospital care to residents of the State shall make available coverage for outpatient health care to subscribers with health care facilities certified by the Department of Human Services for purposes of reimbursement under the United States Rural Health Clinic Services Act,

1 Public Law 95-210, or its successor, and with
2 incorporated nonprofit health centers engaged in the
3 delivery of comprehensive primary care provided the
4 health care facility or nonprofit health center pro-
5 viding the care has contracted with the organization
6 on terms and conditions which the organization deems
7 satisfactory to its membership.

8 The agreement between the health care facility or
9 nonprofit health care center providing the care and
10 the nonprofit hospital and medical service organiza-
11 tion providing coverage for the care shall provide
12 that reimbursement for the cost of providing that
13 care shall equal the reimbursement paid for similar
14 care provided under the Medicare and Medicaid pro-
15 grams and shall be determined in accordance with the
16 provisions of the United States Rural Health Clinic
17 Services Act, Public Law 95-210, or its successor.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 It is the intent of this bill to insure that Blue
20 Cross and Blue Shield of this State, like Medicare
21 and Medicaid, reimburse health centers at the same
22 rate and in a manner consistent with the United
23 States Rural Health Clinic Services Act, Public Law
24 95-210.

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