

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 2012

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7 S.P. 730

In Senate, January 26, 1984

8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint  
9 Rule 26.

10 Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Service is  
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland, Representative Nelson  
of Portland and Representative Carroll of Gray.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 AN ACT Relating to Allowances and  
18 Policies for Medical Equipment for  
19 Medicaid Recipients.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. Annual profile. Allowances and policies  
24 adopted by the Department of Human Services for medi-  
25 cal equipment and supplies for Medicaid recipients  
26 shall be subject to the following provisions.

27 1. All allowances and policies shall be based  
28 upon an annual profile compiled by the department.

29 A. The profile shall list all separate medical  
30 equipment and supply items, including rentals,  
31 reimbursed in the previous year.

32 B. The profile allowances shall be determined as  
33 an average of all prices billed the department

1 over the course of the year for each separate  
2 item of medical equipment or supply.

3 C. No allowance may exceed the equivalent allow-  
4 ance provided by Medicare in its current profile.

5 2. All billings to the Department of Human Ser-  
6 vices shall be based upon usual and customary  
7 charges.

8 3. The department shall establish a medical  
9 equipment and supply advisory committee, representing  
10 Maine companies, to review, comment upon and other-  
11 wise assist as appropriate, in the development of the  
12 annual profile.

13 Sec. 2. Applicability. The first profile estab-  
14 lished shall be in effect October 1, 1984, and shall  
15 be based upon billings in the period of April 1,  
16 1984, through August 31, 1984. The 2nd profile shall  
17 be in effect July 1, 1985, and each profile thereaf-  
18 ter shall be annually.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This bill is designed to establish a simple and  
21 fair method of reimbursing medical equipment and sup-  
22 plies provided to Medicaid recipients. On December  
23 1, 1983, the Department of Human Services implemented  
24 new policies that severely reduce reimbursements for  
25 wheelchairs and often items, to levels far below what  
26 is reasonable and fair. This bill will set up an an-  
27 nual profile, or schedule, of reimbursements that is  
28 based upon actual billings reflective of true costs.

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