

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 84

In Senate, February 3, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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1 AN ACT to Provide State Funding Necessary to  
2 Match Federal Funds for Home and  
3 Community Based Services for Older  
4 Citizens.  
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
7 follows:

8 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-  
9 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes  
10 of this Act.

11 1987-88

12 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

13 Bureau of Medical Services

1 All Other \$1,009,013  
2 Funds to be used for  
3 medical assistance  
4 to providers through  
5 the home based care  
6 account.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The Department of Human Services has been granted  
9 a Medicaid waiver from the Federal Government which  
10 enables the State to offer home and community based  
11 services to individuals financially eligible for care  
12 in a nursing facility, but who were previously over  
13 the income criteria for Medicaid if residing in their  
14 own homes.

15 Services offered under the waiver include case  
16 management, adult day health, personal care,  
17 homemaker, home health, transportation, emergency re-  
18 sponse systems and mental health services. Approxi-  
19 mately 70% will be funded by federal funds and 30% by  
20 state funds. The State's match has come from the  
21 State's home based care program during year one and  
22 year 2, which has reduced the amount of service dol-  
23 lars to non-Medicaid eligible frail older persons.  
24 These funds are necessary in order not to erode the  
25 home based care program's flexibility and effective-  
26 ness in serving those individuals still ineligible  
27 for the waiver, but who are in need of home care.

28 The Department of Human Services provides the  
29 match for the Medicaid waiver for the physically dis-  
30 abled and mentally retarded. This bill provides the  
31 match for the elderly waiver.

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