

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland

Cosponsored by Representative MANNING of Portland, Senator CONLEY of Cumberland
and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Ensure That Inflationary and Demographic Trends Are
Reflected in Home-based Care Funding.

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

22 MRSA §7324 is enacted to read:

§7324. Funds to cover inflation and demographic changes

Beginning with fiscal year 1991-92, the department shall make available within each region funds that exceed the previous fiscal year's funds by at least an amount calculated to allow for increases in the following:

1. Number of potential recipients. The number of people who are 75 to 85 years of age;

2. Wage inflation. Wages for home-based care workers, as reflected in an index selected by the department with the advice of home-based care service providers; and

3. Technological advances. The length or intensity of services that result from advances in medical technology.

An increase in funds is not required for any region in which the department demonstrates that increases in the indicators specified in subsections 1 to 3 are fully offset by other relevant indicators that show that the need for services has decreased. For purposes of this section, "region" means a geographical area designated by the commissioner as a region.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill annually indexes funds for the in-home and community support services program to reflect an increase in the number of people between the ages of 75 and 85, wage inflation and an increase in the length or intensity of services that are attributable to advances in medical technology.