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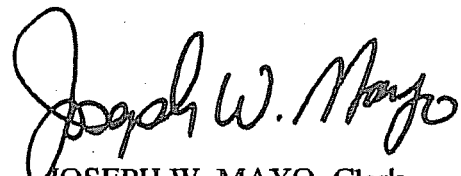
No. 1683

H.P. 1256

House of Representatives, January 11, 1994

**Resolve, Regarding the Development of a Medicare Volume
Performance Standard Demonstration Project.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representative TREAT of Gardiner and
Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PINEAU of Jay.

2 **Sec. 1. Medicare demonstration project. Resolved:** That the
 4 Maine Medical Assessment Foundation is authorized to participate
 6 in a demonstration project to establish a Medicare performance
 8 standard for the State, to be known as the Maine Medicare Volume
 10 Performance Standard Demonstration Project.

12 1. **Waiver request.** The State shall request that the
 14 federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care
 16 Financing Administration grant a waiver for the purpose of
 18 establishing the Maine Medicare Volume Performance Standard
 20 Demonstration Project to release physicians in the State from
 22 participation under the current Medicare volume performance
 24 standard methodology and to substitute a state-level volume
 26 performance standard and methodology on a demonstration basis.

28 2. **Project design.** Under the project established under
 30 this section, practice and utilization pattern statistics for
 32 participating physicians in the State must be separated from the
 34 national statistics, the annual volume response of those
 36 physicians must be calculated for each year and Medicare fees for
 38 the following year must be calculated utilizing the federal
 40 default conversion factor formula. Maine Medical Assessment
 42 Foundation study groups must be convened and members must
 44 represent 80% or more of the conditions and procedures utilized
 46 by Medicare beneficiaries, including gastroenterology,
 48 cardiology, internal medicine, family practice, general surgery,
 50 cardiothoracic surgery, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, urology and
 radiology.

30 3. **Administrative committee.** The Maine Medicare Volume
 32 Performance Standard Demonstration Project shall have an
 34 administrative committee to oversee the project, document the
 36 methodology of the project, collect data, disseminate information
 38 to the study groups and evaluate the project.

36 4. **Report.** The Maine Medicare Volume Performance Standard
 38 Demonstration Project shall report on the project to the joint
 40 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
 42 human resource matters on or before January 1, 1995 and at the
 44 conclusion of the project.

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 This resolve establishes the Maine Medicare Volume
 48 Performance Standard Demonstration Project and authorizes the
 50 Maine Medical Assessment Foundation to participate in the
 project. Under the project, practice and utilization pattern
 statistics for physicians in the State must be separated from the

2 national statistics, their annual volume response must be
3 calculated separately and fees for the subsequent year must be
4 set utilizing the default conversion factor formula. The project
5 must involve physicians providing services to Medicare
6 recipients. An advisory committee shall oversee the project and
7 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources on or
8 before January 1, 1995 and at the conclusion of the project.

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13 **This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the**
14 **need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical**
15 **amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.**
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