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No. 515

H.P. 384

House of Representatives, January 19, 1999

**An Act to Provide Additional Health Care Options to Disabled Persons
and the Elderly.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and
Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, SHIELDS of Auburn,
SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator: BERUBE of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-U is enacted to read:**

6 **§3174-U. Alternative care option**

8 The department shall establish an alternative care option
10 for elderly and disabled adults who qualify for care in a nursing
12 or residential care facility reimbursed through the Medicaid
14 program. The alternative care option must provide reimbursement
16 for care in the home of the elderly or disabled person or in the
18 home of a guardian or family member of that person.
20 Reimbursement must be provided at a rate that is equal to 75% of
22 the statewide average Medicaid reimbursement rate for the type of
24 facility for which the person qualifies.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill provides a home-based care option for elderly or
22 disabled persons who qualify for nursing facility care or
24 residential care reimbursed through the Medicaid program. The
26 reimbursement rate is 75% of the statewide average Medicaid
reimbursement rate for the type of facility for which the person
qualifies.