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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 909, L.D. 2361, Bill, "An Act to Allow State Pharmacies a Tax Credit for Unreimbursed Medicaid Costs"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Allow State Pharmacies to be Reimbursed for Medicaid Costs''

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173-C, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Submit claim. If a Medicaid recipient does not pay the copayment as provided in subsections 1 and 2, the pharmacy may submit a claim for reimbursement to the department for the cost of the prescription and the amount of the unpaid copayment and the department shall reimburse the pharmacy for the full amount of the claim.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SENATE AMENDMENT

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2000-01

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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Medical Care - Payments to Providers

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All Other

\$694,840

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Provides funds for the state share to
reimburse pharmacies for the unpaid
prescription drug copayments of Medicaid
recipients.

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Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the
Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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Medical Care - Payments to Providers

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All Other

\$1,266,248

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Provides funds for the federal match to
reimburse pharmacies for the unpaid
prescription drug copayments of Medicaid
recipients.''

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FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the
bill by \$489,364 in fiscal year 2000-01, but will reduce the
General Fund cost of the bill by \$63,435 and \$68,509 in fiscal
years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

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This amendment eliminates the income tax credit with its
associated loss of General Fund revenue, the decrease in the
amounts transferred to the Local Government Fund for
state-municipal revenue sharing and the General Fund
appropriation to the Bureau of Revenue Services.

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As amended, this bill includes a General Fund appropriation
of \$694,840 for the Department of Human Services to reimburse
pharmacies for unpaid prescription drug copayments of Medicaid
recipients. The estimated future costs in fiscal years 2001-02
and 2002-03 will be approximately \$750,427 and \$810,461,
respectively.

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2 As amended, this bill also includes a Federal Expenditures
4 Fund allocation of \$1,266,248 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the
6 federal match associated with reimbursing pharmacies for the
8 unpaid prescription drug copayments of Medicaid recipients. The
estimated future costs in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 will
be approximately \$1,367,547 and \$1,476,951, respectively.

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment replaces the bill and allows a pharmacy to
14 submit a claim for reimbursement of costs and unpaid copayment to
16 the department if a Medicaid recipient does not pay the
copayment. This amendment also adds an appropriation section and
an allocation section to the bill.

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20 SPONSORED BY: 

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22 COUNTY: Penobscot
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