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House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

Resolve, to Provide Medicaid Reimbursement for Hospice Care.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, COLWELL of Gardiner, FULLER of Manchester,
KANE of Saco, NORBERT of Portland, SAXL of Portland, WILLIAMS of Orono, Senator:
PARADIS of Aroostook.

- Sec. 1. Amend state plan; Medicaid reimbursement for hospice services. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to amend its state plan to provide Medicaid reimbursement for hospice care. In recognition of the diverse population eligible for Medicaid hospice services, the plan must address:
 - Expedited approval of Medicaid eligibility for hospice patients within 14 days of application;
- 2. Hospice eligibility issues, including physician certification of terminal illness, election of hospice benefit, and delineation of services that are reasonable and necessary for the palliation or management of terminal illness or related conditions; and
 - 3. Outlier payments for necessary palliation for hospice patients, including chemotherapy, radiation therapy, HIV/AIDSrelated medications, blood products, total parenteral nutrition and radiographic diagnostics.
- 22 For hospice patients residing in nursing facilities, the Department of Human Services is directed to diligently pursue mechanisms that will provide for direct payment to nursing 24 facilities for room and board. In addition, receiving the 26 Medicaid hospice benefit should not preclude access to other Medicaid services not covered by hospice. The Department of Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of 28 the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human 30 services matters by January 1, 2001 on the implementation of the rulemaking. Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are major 32 substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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36 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to amend its state plan to provide Medicaid reimbursement for hospice care.