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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1790, L.D. 2510, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part DDDD the following:

PART EEEE

Sec. EEEE-1. Increase in reimbursement for therapy services. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to increase the amount of reimbursement under the Medicaid program for occupational and physical therapy services to 50% of the usual and customary charge. The department shall adopt these rules to take effect January 1, 2001. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. EEEE-2. Increase in reimbursement rates for speech and language pathologist and audiologist services. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to increase the reimbursement rates for speech and language pathologist and audiologist services under the Medicaid program by 18%. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. EEEE-3. Study of reimbursement rates. The Department of Human Services shall study reimbursement rates for providers of health care services under the Medicaid program. The department shall convene meetings of providers, consumers and other interested persons and shall notify Legislators on the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction

over health and human services matters of all meetings. The study must include consideration of usual and customary rates, percentages of patients for whom reimbursement is paid by the Medicaid program, reimbursement rate history and availability of services for patients. The department shall report its findings and recommendations for increases, including suggestions for a periodic method for making adjustments in the future, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2001.

Sec. EEEE-4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

2000-01

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

**Medical Care - Payments
to Providers**

All Other \$311,771

Appropriates funds for the state share of the costs to increase the reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program for occupational and physical therapy services to 50% of the customary charge effective January 1, 2001 and for speech and language pathologist and audiologist services by 18%.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES
TOTAL**

\$311,771

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

Business Development

All Other (\$311,771)

Deappropriates a portion of the funds for business attraction and expansion marketing efforts.

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2 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
4 TOTAL (\$311,771)

6 APPROPRIATIONS
7 TOTAL \$ 0

8 Sec. EEEE-5. Allocation. The following funds are allocated
10 from the Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of
12 this Part.

14 2000-01

16 HUMAN SERVICES,
17 DEPARTMENT OF

18 Medical Care - Payments
19 to Providers

20 All Other \$609,135

22 Allocates funds for the federal share of the
24 costs to increase the reimbursement rates
26 under the Medicaid program for occupational
28 and physical therapy services to 50% of the
30 customary charge effective January 1, 2001
and for speech and language pathologist and
audiologist services by 18%.

32 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

34 FISCAL NOTE

36 This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund
38 appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained
for fiscal year 2000-01.

40 This amendment includes a General Fund appropriation of
42 \$311,771 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Human
44 Services to increase the reimbursement rates for speech and
46 language pathologist and audiologist services and occupational
and physical therapy services under Medicaid. The estimated
future costs beginning in fiscal year 2001-02 will be
approximately \$421,519.

48 This amendment also reduces the General Fund appropriation
50 to the Business Development program within the Department of

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1790,
L.D. 2510

Economic and Community Development by \$311,771 in fiscal year
2000-01.

This amendment includes a Federal Expenditures Fund
allocation of \$609,135 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department
of Human Services for the federal match associated with the rate
increase. The estimated future costs beginning in fiscal year
2001-02 will be approximately \$823,551.

The Department of Human Services will incur some minor
additional costs to study reimbursement rates for providers of
health care services under the Medicaid program. These costs can
be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides funding for increased reimbursement
rates under the Medicaid program for speech and language
pathologist and audiologist services and occupational and
physical therapy services. This amendment also contains a study
of reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program, with a report
due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January
15, 2001. The study and funding for these rate increases were
recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
Services in the committee amendments to L.D. 2308 and L.D. 2324.
This amendment decreases the appropriation for business
attraction and marketing efforts by \$311,772 in order to fund the
proposed reimbursement rate increases.

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