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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 172, L.D. 183, "Resolve, to Increase Medicaid Reimbursement for Occupational and Physical Therapy and Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the substitute title and inserting in its place the following:

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

Sec. 1. Increase in reimbursement for therapy services. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to increase the amount of reimbursement under the Medicaid program for occupational and physical therapy and speech and language pathologist and audiologist services to 60% of the usual and customary charge applicable to that provider and service as of January 1, 2001, as determined by the Department of Human Services. The department shall adopt these rules to take effect January 1, 2002; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2001-02 2002-03

**HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

2 All Other \$62,139 \$127,501
4 Provides funds to increase
6 the reimbursement rates under
8 the Medicaid program for
10 occupational and physical
12 therapy and speech and
language pathologist and
audiologist services to 60%
of the usual and customary
charges.

14 ; and be it further

16 **Sec. 3. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
18 allocated from the Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the
purposes of this resolve.

20 2001-02 2002-03

22 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

26 All Other \$123,157 \$254,010
28 Allocates federal matching
30 funds to increase the
32 reimbursement rates under the
34 Medicaid program for
occupational and physical
therapy and speech and
language pathologist and
audiologist services to 60%
of the usual and customary
charges.' '

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40 **FISCAL NOTE**

42 This amendment will decrease the General Fund cost of the
44 bill by \$14,759,385 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$15,071,660 in
fiscal year 2002-03.

46 As amended, this bill includes General Fund appropriations
48 of \$62,139 and \$127,501 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03,
respectively, for the Medical Care - Payments to Providers
50 program within the Department of Human Services to increase the
reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program for occupational

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2 and physical therapy and speech and language pathologist and
audiologist services, to 60% of the usual and customary charge,
4 effective January 1, 2002, for providers and services reimbursed
below 60% as of January 1, 2001.

6 As amended, this bill also includes Federal Expenditures
Fund allocations of \$123,157 and \$254,010 in fiscal years 2001-02
8 and 2002-03, respectively, for the federal match.

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SUMMARY

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14 This amendment requires the Department of Human Services to
adopt rules that take effect on January 1, 2002 to increase the
16 amount of reimbursement under the Medicaid program for
occupational and physical therapy and speech and language
18 pathologist and audiologist services to 60% of the usual and
customary charge.

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