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MAJORITY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

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 resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Increase Medicaid Reimbursement for Certain Providers'

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 reimbursement for certain providers. Resolved:
That the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to increase the amount of reimbursement under the Medicaid program to 70% 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, for the following providers and services: physicians, ambulatory care clinics, nurse midwives, optometry, podiatry, speech pathology, speech and hearing centers, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, chiropractic, ambulance, licensed clinical professional counselors, licensed clinical social workers, day health practitioners and nurse practitioners; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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		
All Other	\$14,821,524	\$15,199,161
Provides funds to increase the reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program to 70% of the usual and customary charges for providers and services reimbursed below 70% as of January 1, 2001.		

; and be it further

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

	2001-02	2002-03
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Medical Care - Payments to Providers		
All Other	\$29,375,656	\$30,280,075
Allocates funds for the federal match to increase the reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program to 70% of the usual and customary charges for providers and services reimbursed below 70% as of January 1, 2001.		

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

2		2001-02	2002-03
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6	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
8	General Fund	\$14,821,524	\$15,199,161
8	Other Funds	29,375,656	30,280,075
10	REVENUES		
12	Other Funds	\$29,375,656	\$30,280,075

14 This resolve includes General Fund appropriations of
 16 \$14,821,524 and \$15,199,161 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03,
 18 respectively, for the Medical Care - Payments to Providers
 20 program within the Department of Human Services to increase the
 reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program to 70% of the
 usual and customary charges for providers and services reimbursed
 below 70% as of January 1, 2001.

22 This resolve also includes Federal Expenditures Fund
 24 allocations of \$29,375,656 and \$30,280,075 in fiscal years
 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for the federal match.'

SUMMARY

28 This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the
 30 Department of Human Services to raise reimbursement rates under
 32 the Medicaid program to 70% of the usual and customary charges,
 34 as determined by the department, for the providers and services
 36 reimbursed below 70% as of January 1, 2001. It adds
 appropriation and allocation sections and a fiscal note to the
 resolve.