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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. 500, L.D. 640, "Resolve, to Ensure Consumer Access to Home Care Services"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the 6th line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5" and inserting in its place the following: '10'

Further amend the resolve in section 5 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "long-term" the following: 'home'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 6. 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		
Bureau of Medical Services		
All Other	\$32,190	\$32,190
Provides funds for an increased number of change assessments being requested due to the standard for		

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requesting a significant change assessment being redefined from a major change in 2 areas of functional health status to a major change in one area of functional health status.

; and be it further

Sec. 7. 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		
Bureau of Medical Services		
All Other	\$32,190	\$32,190
Provides federal matching funds for an increased number of change assessments being requested due to the standard for requesting a significant change assessment being redefined from a major change in 2 areas of functional health status to a major change in one area of functional health status.'		

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

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

FISCAL NOTE

	2001-02	2002-03
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
General Fund	\$32,190	\$32,190
Other Funds	32,190	32,190

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REVENUES

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Other Funds	\$32,190	\$32,190
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6 This resolve includes General Fund appropriations of \$32,190
8 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$32,190 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the
10 Bureau of Medical Services within the Department of Human
12 Services to amend the rules regarding Medicaid and state-funded
14 long-term care programs to change the definition of "significant
16 change" to mean a major change in one area of functional health
18 status. Currently, the standard for requesting significant
change assessments must be based on a major change in 2 areas of
functional health status. These estimates are based on the
assumption that changing the definition of "significant change"
would result in an additional 435 assessments being requested at
a cost of \$148 per assessment. The additional costs associated
with the increased staff time involved in assessments and appeals
can not be determined at this time.

20 This resolve also includes Federal Expenditures Fund
22 allocations of \$32,190 and \$32,190 in fiscal years 2001-02 and
2002-03, respectively, for the federal match.'

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26 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment strikes from the resolve provisions on
30 computation of time, the homebound requirement, the informal
32 conference, a report on labor force initiatives, reassessments
34 and barriers to receiving services. It increases the time period
for sending the appeal form from 5 days to 10 days. It clarifies
that the "significant change" provision applies to home care
programs only. It adds an appropriation section, an allocation
section and a fiscal note to the resolve.