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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

**Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study the Progress in  
Implementing a Single Claims Processing System.**

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Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Cosponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford and  
Representatives: KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, O'NEIL of Saco, Speaker SAXL  
of Portland, SHIELDS of Auburn, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: MARTIN of  
Aroostook, RAND of Cumberland.

2           **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force to  
Study the Progress made in Implementing a Single Claims  
4           Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits,  
referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established  
6           to study the progress made in implementing a streamlined claims  
processing system for 3rd-party payors of health care benefits  
8           and progress made in implementing a single claims processing  
system for 3rd-party payors of health care benefits since the  
10          report of the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single  
Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care  
12          Benefits, as established in Resolve 1997, chapter 63; and be it  
further

14           **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force  
consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

16                   1. One representative of the Maine Medical Association or  
18                   the Maine Osteopathic Association appointed by the Governor;

20                   2. One Maine-based representative of the Health Insurance  
Association of America appointed by the Governor;

22                   3. One representative of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
24                   in Maine appointed by the Governor;

26                   4. One representative of the Home Care Alliance of Maine  
appointed by the Governor;

28                   5. One representative of the interests of independent  
30                   occupational, physical and speech therapists appointed by the  
Governor;

32                   6. One representative of the Maine Pharmacy Association  
34                   appointed by the Governor;

36                   7. One representative of the Maine Hospital Association  
appointed by the Governor;

38                   8. One representative of the Maine Association of Community  
40                   Mental Health Centers appointed by the Governor;

42                   9. One representative of the Maine Health Management  
Coalition appointed by the Governor;

44                   10. The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's  
46                   designee;

2           11. The Superintendent of Insurance or the superintendent's  
designee; and

4           12. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of  
the Senate and 2 members of the House of Representatives  
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. One  
member of the Senate and one member of the House shall serve as  
8 cochairs of the task force; and be it further

10           **Sec. 3. Appointments. Resolved:** That all appointments must be  
made no later than October 1, 2001. The Executive Director of  
12 the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing  
authorities once the selections have been made. Within 15 days  
14 of appointment of all members, the Chair of the Legislative  
Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the task  
16 force; and be it further

18           **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall:

20           1. Gather and examine information from other jurisdictions  
that have implemented a single claims processing system or have  
22 implemented a streamlined claims processing system;

24           2. Identify barriers and problems that need to be addressed  
to implement a single claims processing system or to streamline  
26 the current claims processing system;

28           3. Determine resources necessary to implement a single  
claims processing system or a streamlined claims system and  
30 develop a model for a single claims processing system;

32           4. Determine the impact on health care providers and health  
insurance carriers of a single claims processing system or a  
34 streamlined claims system; and

36           5. Identify the necessary steps for protecting the  
confidentiality of medical records and proprietary information in  
38 a single claims processing system or a streamlined claims system;  
and be it further

40           **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the task force shall  
42 request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative  
Council; and be it further

44           **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the task  
46 force are not entitled to any reimbursement or compensation for  
attendance at meetings of the task force, except that the members  
48 of the task force who are Legislators are entitled to

2 receive the legislative per diem and reimbursement for travel  
3 expenses for attendance at meetings of the task force. The  
4 Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer  
the task force's budget; and be it further

6 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit its  
7 report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to  
8 the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than  
9 January 15, 2002. If the task force requires an extension, it  
10 may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the  
11 extension; and be it further

12 **Sec. 8. Transfer of funds. Resolved:** That the Department of  
13 Professional and Financial Regulation shall transfer up to \$3,860  
14 from the Bureau of Insurance to the Legislature toward the actual  
15 expenses incurred by the task force; and be it further

16 **Sec. 9. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
17 allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the  
18 purposes of this resolve.  
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24 **LEGISLATURE**

26 **Task Force to Study the Progress Made in**  
27 **Implementing a Single Claims Processing**  
28 **System for 3rd-party Payors of Health**  
29 **Care Benefits**

32	Personal Services	\$1,760
	All Other	2,100
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	TOTAL	\$3,860

36 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses  
37 of legislative members and miscellaneous  
38 costs of the Task Force to Study the  
39 Progress made in Implementing a Single  
40 Claims Processing System for 3rd-party  
41 Payors of Health Care Benefits.  
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44 **SUMMARY**

46 This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study the  
47 Progress made in Implementing a Single Claims Processing System  
48 for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits to follow up on the  
49 work done by the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single  
50 Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care  
51 Benefits, as established in Resolve 1997, chapter 63.  
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