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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 895, L.D. 1187, "Resolve, to Provide Access to Personal Care Assistant Home Care Services"

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

Sec. 1. Department of Human Services to change reimbursement for personal care assistant home care programs. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2002, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to amend its method of reimbursement for personal care assistant home care programs. The department shall determine the average cost of services for personal care assistant home care programs based upon recent past reimbursement information and shall set the reimbursement level at the average cost. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Human Services shall review the rates of reimbursement for personal care assistant services in home care programs when conducting the rate review required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5107-G for consumer-directed personal care assistant services; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2001-02 2002-03

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

4 Long Term Care - Human Services

6 All Other \$2,030,538 \$2,030,538

8 Provides funds to increase
10 the reimbursement for
12 certified nursing assistants
14 and personal care assistants
in home care programs to
reflect the average cost of
services.

16 Medical Care - Payments to Providers

18 All Other \$2,067,358 \$2,060,268

20 Provides funds to increase
22 the reimbursement for
24 certified nursing assistants
and personal care assistants
in home care programs to
reflect the average cost of
services.

28 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL \$4,097,896 \$4,090,806

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32 ; and be it further

34 Sec. 4. Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds are
36 allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the
purposes of this resolve.

38 2001-02 2002-03

40 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

42 Medical Care - Payments to Providers

44 All Other \$4,097,418 \$4,104,508

46 Provides funds for the
48 federal match to increase the
reimbursement for certified
nursing assistants and
50 personal care assistants in

home care programs to reflect
the average cost of services.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

	2001-02	2002-03
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
General Fund	\$4,097,896	\$4,090,806
Other Funds	4,097,418	4,104,508

REVENUES

Other Funds	\$4,097,418	\$4,104,508
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This bill provides General Fund appropriations of \$4,097,896 and \$4,090,806 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for the Department of Human Services to amend its method of reimbursement for personal care assistant home care programs to reflect a reimbursement level based on the average cost of services. These estimates reflect an increase in the level of reimbursement for certified nursing assistants in home care programs from the current rate of \$15.80 per hour to an average rate of \$18.00 per hour; an increase in the level of reimbursement to personal care assistants in home care programs from the current rate of \$13.64 per hour to an average rate of \$16.09 per hour and an increase in the level of reimbursement to personal care assistants in consumer-directed home based care programs from \$8.50 per hour to \$9.77 per hour.

This bill also includes Federal Expenditure Fund allocations of \$4,097,418 and \$4,104,508 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for the federal match.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It removes the requirement of an inflation adjustment in the cost-based reimbursement for personal care assistant home care programs. The amendment requires the Commissioner of Human Services to review reimbursement for all personal care assistant

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 895, L.D. 1187

2 services in home care programs when conducting the review
required of reimbursement rates for consumer-directed personal
4 care assistant home care services. It also adds an appropriation
section, allocation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT