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S.P. 458

In Senate, March 8, 2001

**An Act to Increase Access to Primary and Preventive Services for
Maine's Underserved Citizens.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Livermore and
President MICHAUD of Penobscot, Senators: MILLS of Somerset, SHOREY of Washington,
TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
NASS of Acton, ROSEN of Bucksport.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Support for primary and preventive health care services.

The Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health shall undertake an initiative in primary and preventive health care to expand access for underserved populations, utilizing \$2,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2001-02 and annually thereafter. The initiative must provide support for health care access in 2 ways:

1. Funding for Community Health Center Program. One million, seven hundred thousand dollars to support community, migrant and homeless health centers receiving funding from the Community Health Center Program operated by the federal Bureau of Primary Health Care. From this amount, funding must be provided as follows:

A. One hundred fifty thousand dollars per year must be provided as Medicaid seed for a contract with the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition to provide financial and other support to health centers in assisting individuals in applying for Medicaid program and Cub Care program benefits. This funding is provided to meet the federal requirement to provide Medicaid outstationing services at health centers;

B. Three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars per year must be provided as the Medicaid seed to provide incentives under Medicaid to improve the quality of services and enhance the delivery of preventive services at health centers. The Department of Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services shall work collaboratively with the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition in developing this program and provide \$75,000 each year for the state seed for a contract with the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition to assist health centers in designing and participating in the incentive program. This program will enhance the provision of preventive services and improve the quality of services at health centers provided through Medicaid; and

C. One million, one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars per year must be provided by August 1st of each year to health center grantees to support the infrastructure of these programs in providing primary care services to underserved populations. Fifty thousand dollars per year must be provided to each grantee with an additional \$10,000 for the 2nd and each additional site operated by a grantee. The remainder must be allocated among health center grantees according to a formula that provides that a grantee will receive funding in proportion to its total number of

2 encounters as reported to the federal Bureau of Primary
 4 Health Care for the previous calendar year as compared to
 6 the number of encounters provided by all health center
 8 grantees for that calendar year. For the purposes of this
 10 paragraph, "site" means a site or sites operated by the
 12 grantee within its scope of service that meet all health
 center requirements, including providing primary care
 services, regardless of patients' ability to pay, 5 days a
 week with extended hours. This program will support the
 primary care infrastructure providing services to
 underserved populations.

14 **2. Program to support federally qualified look-alikes.**
 16 Three hundred thousand dollars per year must be provided to
 18 support federally qualified look-alikes that meet standards that
 may be imposed by the Department of Human Services, including
 reporting requirements. Each federally qualified look-alike must
 receive \$50,000 or an amount equal to \$300,000 divided by the
 total number of eligible entities, whichever is less.

20 Funding under this initiative may not supplant other sources
 22 of funding. The Department of Human Services may adopt rules to
 24 implement this initiative. Rules adopted pursuant to this
 section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine
 Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

26 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
 28 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

30 **2001-02** **2002-03**

32 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

34 **Bureau of Health**

36 All Other \$1,175,000 \$1,175,000

38 Provides funds for community
 40 health centers to support
 their work in providing
 42 health care services.

44 **Bureau of Health**

46 All Other \$375,000 \$375,000

48 Provides funds for the state
 share for an initiative in
 which the Maine Ambulatory

2 Care Coalition and the Bureau
of Health work to improve the
4 quality of services and
enhance the delivery of
6 services at community health
centers.

8 **Bureau of Health**

10 All Other \$150,000 \$150,000

12 Provides funds for the state
share for the Bureau of
14 Health to contract with the
Maine Ambulatory Care
16 Coalition for the Medicaid
outstationing program.

18 **Bureau of Health**

20 All Other \$300,000 \$300,000

22 Provides funds for the
24 increased support of
federally qualified health
26 center look-alikes.

28 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
TOTAL \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000

30 **Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
32 Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

34 **2001-02 2002-03**

36 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

38 **Medical Care - Payments
to Providers**

40 All Other \$297,294 \$298,833

42 Provides for the federal
44 match for the Bureau of
Health to contract with the
46 Maine Ambulatory Care
Coalition for the Medicaid
48 outstationing program.

2 **Medical Care - Payments
to Providers**

4 All Other \$743,235 \$747,083

6 Provides for the federal
8 match for an initiative in
10 which the Maine Ambulatory
12 Care Coalition and the Bureau
14 of Health work to improve the
quality of services and
enhance the delivery of
services at community health
centers.

16 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
18 **TOTAL** \$1,040,529 \$1,045,916

20 **SUMMARY**

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24 This bill directs the Department of Human Services, Bureau
26 of Health to undertake an initiative to expand access to primary
28 and preventive health care. It appropriates \$2,000,000 per year
for the support of the community health centers and the federally
qualified health center look-alikes. As some of this funding
will be used for Medicaid match to federal funds, the bill
allocates matching federal funding.