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## 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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No. 1535

S.P. 471

In Senate, March 8, 2001

Resolve, to Allow Medicaid Reimbursement for Certain Drugs Without Requiring Prior Authorization.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Portland.

Sec. 1. Prior authorization not required for Medicaid reimbursement for certain drugs. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services may not require prior authorization to provide Medicaid reimbursement for drugs for the treatment of the following conditions: cancer, human immunodeficiency virus, mental illness, asthma, hypertension, diabetes, migraine, epilepsy, arterial lateral sclerosis, arthritis and Alzheimer's disease.

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## SUMMARY

12 The purpose of this resolve is to allow prompt Medicaid reimbursement for certain drugs in order to aid some of the State's most vulnerable patients, including children, the poor, 14 elderly, sick and disabled who are covered by the Medicaid program. This resolve prohibits the Department of Human Services 16 authorization requiring prior to provide Medicaid reimbursement for drugs for the treatment of cancer, human 18 immunodeficiency virus, mental illness, asthma, hypertension, migraine, epilepsy, 20 arterial lateral arthritis and Alzheimer's disease.

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