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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. 1209, L.D. 1641, "Resolve, to Require that Hospice Care be Provided Under the Medicaid Program"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Require Increased Reimbursement for Hospice Care Under the Medicaid Program'

Further amend the resolve by striking all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Medicaid reimbursement for hospice care. Resolved: That, by October 1, 2001, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules increasing the reimbursement for hospice care for routine home care to provide for reimbursement at the level paid under the Medicare program plus an additional 23%. 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'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the last line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "matters." and inserting in its place the following: 'matters; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 2 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

6		<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
8	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
10	<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers</b>		
12	All Other	\$133,159	\$186,750
14	Provides funds to increase		
16	the reimbursement for hospice		
18	care for routine home care		
	services to 23% above the		
	Medicare rate.		

20 ; and be it further

22            **Sec. 4. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
24 allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the  
purposes of this Act.

26		<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
28	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
30	<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers</b>		
32	All Other	\$263,917	\$372,046
34	Provides funds for the		
36	federal match to increase the		
38	reimbursement for hospice		
	care for routine home care		
	services to 23% above the		
	Medicare rate.'		

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

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46 **FISCAL NOTE**

48		<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
50	<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>		

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2	General Fund	\$133,159	\$186,750
	Other Funds	263,917	372,046

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**REVENUES**

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Other Funds	\$263,917	\$372,046
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10 This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$133,159  
and \$186,750 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively,  
12 for the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program within the  
Department of Human Services to adopt rules to increase the  
14 reimbursement for hospice care for routine home care services to  
23% over the Medicare rate. These estimates are based on the  
16 assumption that approximately 348 individuals currently receiving  
home health services will shift to hospice; that approximately 32  
18 individuals in nursing homes will receive hospice services; and  
that 26 home and community-based participants will receive  
20 hospice services. These estimates are also based on an average  
length of stay of 50 days. The cost of this measure may be  
22 higher or lower depending on actual experience.

24 This bill also includes Federal Expenditure Fund allocations  
of \$263,917 and \$372,046 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03,  
26 respectively, for the federal match.

28 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor  
additional costs to conduct an annual cost-benefit analysis to  
30 determine savings generated by implementing this measure. These  
costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted  
32 resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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38 This amendment amends the resolve by requiring the Medicaid  
reimbursement rate for routine home care under the hospice  
program to be set at the Medicare rate plus 23% beginning October  
1, 2001. The amendment also adds an appropriation, an allocation  
40 and a fiscal note.