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L.D. 1641

2	DATE: 5-24-01 (Filing No. H-590)		
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6	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
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10	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.		
12 14	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
16	120TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION		
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 1209, L.D. 1641, "Resolve,		
20	to Require that Hospice Care be Provided Under the Medicaid Program"		
22	Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting		
24	the following:		
26	'Resolve, to Require Increased Reimbursement for Hospice Care Under the Medicaid Program'		
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30	Further amend the resolve by striking all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:		
32	'Sec. 1. Medicaid reimbursement for hospice care. Resolved: That, by October 1, 2001, the Department of Human Services shall adopt		
34	rules increasing the reimbursement for hospice care for routine home care to provide for reimbursement at the level paid under		
36	the Medicare program plus an additional 23%. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined		
38	in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A; and be it further'		
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42	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;		
14	and be it further'		
16	Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 2 the following:		

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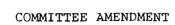
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2	'Sec. 3. Appropriation. Resolved: The	nat the followin	g funds are
4	appropriated from the General Fund to this resolve.	carry out the	purposes of
6		2001-02	2002-03
8	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
10	Medical Care - Payments to Providers		
12	All Other	\$133,159	\$186,750
14	Provides funds to increase the reimbursement for hospice		
16 18	care for routine home care services to 23% above the Medicare rate.		
20	Medicale lace.	; and be	e it further
22	Sec. 4. Allocation. Resolved: That allocated from the Federal Expenditure	the following re Fund to car	
24	purposes of this Act.		
26		2001-02	2002-03
28	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
30	Medical Care - Payments to Providers		
32	All Other	\$263,917	\$372,046
34	Provides funds for the federal match to increase the		
36	reimbursement for hospice care for routine home care		
38	services to 23% above the Medicare rate.'		
40 42	Further amend the resolve by insersummary the following:	rting at the end	before the
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46	FISCAL NOTE		
		2001-02	2002-03
48	A DDD ODDIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



"H" to H.P. 1209, L.D. 1641

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

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REVENUES

Other Funds \$263,917 \$372,046

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

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

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

34 SUMMARY

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 and a fiscal note.

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