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H.P. 1209

House of Representatives, March 13, 2001

Resolve, to Require that Hospice Care be Provided Under the Medicaid Program.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland, President MICHAUD of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, DUNLAP of Old Town, HUTTON of Bowdoinham,
JONES of Greenville, KANE of Saco, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MAYO of Bath, Senator:
RAND of Cumberland.

Sec. 1. Medicaid reimbursement for hospice services. Resolved:

2 That the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to amend
3 its state plan to provide Medicaid reimbursement for all
4 categories of hospice care based on the actual cost of providing
5 the care, which the department shall calculate annually by using
6 cost report data to determine the average per diem rate. Rules
7 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as
8 defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375,
9 subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. Report. By January 1st of each year, the Department

10 of Human Services shall conduct an annual cost benefit analysis
11 to determine savings generated by implementing section 1 and
12 report the results of the analysis to the joint standing
13 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
14 human services matters.
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20 **SUMMARY**

21 This resolve directs the Department of Human Services to
22 adopt routine technical rules to amend its state plan to provide
23 Medicaid reimbursement for hospice care based on the actual cost
24 of providing the care, which the department shall calculate
25 annually by using cost report data to determine the average per
26 diem rate.

27 This resolve also requires the Department of Human Services
28 to conduct an annual cost benefit analysis of these rule changes
29 and report the results of the analysis to the joint standing
30 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
31 human services matters.
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