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Resolve, Regarding Coverage of Durable Medical Equipment in the MaineCare Program

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

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Presented by Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville. Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, JACKSON of Fort Kent, PARADIS of Frenchville, PERRY of Calais, SMITH of Van Buren. Sec. 1. Rulemaking. Resolved: That by November 1, 2003 the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules for reimbursement for durable medical equipment under the MaineCare program for the process for determining deductible requirements for the medically needy. The rules must amend the process to increase the protected income level to the federal poverty level and must waive the deductible process for persons who have been diagnosed to have a terminal illness. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

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This resolve requires that by November 1, 2003 the Department of Human Services adopt rules for reimbursement for durable medical equipment under the MaineCare program for the process for determining deductible requirements for the medically needy. The rules must increase the protected income level to the federal poverty level and waive the deductible process for terminally ill persons. The rules are designated as routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.