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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 585, L.D. 808, Bill, "An Act To Control County Jail Health Care Expenses"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1561, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Limitation on reimbursement rate to medical service providers for services outside county jail. A county may pay to a provider of a medical service for a prisoner an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable to that provider and that service as established by rule of the Department of Human Services for the MaineCare program under Title 22. This limitation applies to all medical care services, goods, prescription drugs and medications provided to a prisoner outside the county jail.'

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment clarifies that the reimbursement rate applies
only to services and medications provided to an inmate outside a
county jail. The reimbursement rate does not apply to any
8 contracts for services within county jails. This amendment also
adds a mandate preamble.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 808

**An Act To Control County Jail and Prison Health Care Expenses
Incurred Outside the Facilities**

LR 0915(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current costs - State Mandate

State Mandate

New or Expanded Activity

Acquiring and maintaining Mainecare pricing information and modifying existing reimbursement systems creates a State mandate for the counties.

Unit Affected

County

Costs

Insignificant

Fiscal Detail and Notes

While the bill helps limit county jail and State prison health care costs, limiting the amount paid for medical services provided to a prisoner outside a correctional facility to the Mainecare reimbursement rate applicable to that provider will impose certain recordkeeping functions on the counties and the Department of Corrections, generating additional administrative costs. Any additional costs to the Department of Corrections and the Department of Human Services in implementing the provisions of this bill can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.