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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 419, L.D. 1288, Bill, "An Act To Increase Public Access to the Prior Authorization Process"

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

'Resolve, To Increase Public Access to the Prior Authorization Process'

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

'Sec. 1. MaineCare procedures. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall review the procedures applicable to the MaineCare program regarding the Bureau of Medical Services' drug utilization review committee by November 1, 2003. The department shall take steps to advertise more broadly meetings of the drug utilization review committee, including use of legislative notice procedures and direct notice to the Maine Medical Association. The department shall open to the public for observation those portions of the meetings that do not involve confidential or protected information, including, to the extent possible, the process of decision making. By December 1, 2003, the department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and shall provide information on changes in MaineCare procedures for the drug utilization review committee.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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4 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. It removes
6 the provisions establishing the drug utilization review committee
8 in statutes. It directs the Department of Human Services to
 review MaineCare procedures applicable to the drug utilization
 review committee, to open those procedures to the public to the
 extent possible and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on
 Health and Human Services by October 1, 2003.

Approved: 05/14/03 *MRC*

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

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An Act To Increase Public Access to the Prior Authorization Process



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *AS-197*

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund