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. 14	SENATE AMENDMENT "J" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.		
16	343, L.D. 468, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General		
18	Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the		
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22	Amend the amendment by adding after Part PPPP the following:		
24	'PART QQQQ		
26	Sec.QQQQ-1. 22 MRSA §3174-GG is enacted to read:		
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30	<u>§3174-GG. MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services</u>		
30	Beginning January 1, 2006, the department shall conduct an		
32	annual review of MaineCare reimbursement rates paid for ambulance services. The rates must be adjusted annually to a level that is		
34	not less than the average allowable reimbursement rates under Medicare for such services.		
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38	Sec. QQQQ-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.		
40	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
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44	Medical Care – Payments to Providers 0147		
T. T .	Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds to increase		
46	MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services to a level not less than the average allowable Medicare reimbursement rates for		
48	such services.		

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SENATE AMENDMENT "J" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 343, L.D. 468

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2	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006–07
	All Other	\$1,059,673	\$2,288,894
4 6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,059,673	\$2,288,894
8	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2005-06	2006–07
	All Other	\$1,982,742	\$4,282,723
10	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,982,742	\$4,282,723'

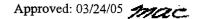
SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct an annual review beginning January 1, 2006, of the adequacy of reimbursement rates paid to licensed ambulance services under the MaineCare program and to adjust reimbursement rates to levels that are no less than the average federal Medicare reimbursement rates for the same services.

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24	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)
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28	SPONSORED BY: Kicharl A. Nass
	(Senator R. NASS)
30	COUNTY: York
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SENATE AMENDMENT





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An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007

> Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment J' to Committee Amendment A Sponsor: Sen. Nass Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07
Net Cost (Savings)		
General Fund	\$1,059,673	\$2,288,894
Appropriations/Allocations		
General Fund	\$1,059,673	\$2,288,894
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,982,742	\$4,282,723
Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,982,742	\$4,282,723

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the bill by \$1,059,673 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$2,288,894 in fiscal year 2006-07. Based on the estimated year-end balances, this amendment maintains a balanced budget for the 2006-2007 biennium.

Estimate based on the actual units of ambulance services for state fiscal year 2004, the rate difference between MaineCare and Medicare reimbursement for certain ambulance services, the calculated additional cost if MaineCare reimbursement equaled Medicare reimbursement, trended forward to state fiscal year 2006, and assumes a January 1, 2006 start date.