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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 437, L.D. 604, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Local Alternatives to MaineCare's Mail-order Pharmacy"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Study Initiatives for Local Pharmacies Participating in the MaineCare Program'

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

'Sec. 1. Study of initiatives for local pharmacies. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall study access to drugs in state-sponsored programs and study initiatives for local pharmacies participating in the MaineCare program. The department shall involve interested parties, advocates and providers. The study of initiatives must include a study of telepharmacy in rural areas, copayments in the MaineCare program, MaineCare dispensing fees in local pharmacies, MaineCare shipping and handling requirements for specialty pharmacies and MaineCare policies for mail order and using local pharmacies with regard to maintenance medications, review and maximization of the rural pharmacy incentive program, first-time dispensing of medications, refill policies and 90-day dispensing of medications. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by September 15, 2005 on the telepharmacy initiative and by January 15, 2006 on all initiatives.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve and changes the title. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to study access to drugs in state-sponsored programs and initiatives for local pharmacies participating in the MaineCare program. It requires a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by September 15, 2005 on the telepharmacy initiative and by January 15, 2006 on all initiatives.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 604

LR 1293(02)

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Local Alternatives to
MaineCare's Mail-order Pharmacy**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance in implementing this bill can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.