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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 231, L.D. 694, Bill, "An Act To Restore Fair MaineCare Payments to Critical Access Hospitals"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1714-B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. ZZZ, §1, is amended to read:

§1714-B. Critical access hospital reimbursement

For state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2005, the department shall reimburse critical access hospitals that are unconditionally licensed at 75% of charges or 117% of MaineCare allowable costs, whichever is less, for both inpatient and outpatient services provided to patients covered by the MaineCare program. Of the total allocated from hospital tax revenues under Title 36, chapter 375, \$1,000,000 in state and federal funds must be distributed annually among critical access hospitals for staff enhancement payments.

Sec. 2. Federal approval. The provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1714-B are subject to approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes critical access hospital reimbursement references to 75% of charges and adds the

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requirement that of the total allocated from hospital tax revenues under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 375, \$1,000,000 in state and federal funds must be distributed annually among critical access hospitals for staff enhancement payments. The amendment also provides that the provisions of Title 22, section 1714-B are subject to approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 694

LR 1404(02)

**An Act To Restore Fair MaineCare Payments to Critical Access Hospitals**

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

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Assumes the state share of the critical access hospital staff enhancement payments will be made within the existing budgeted allocation for hospital payments funded by the hospital tax.