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Resolve, To Increase Prospective Interim Payments to Certain Rural Hospitals

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven and
Senators: MAYO of Sagadahoc, MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: KOFFMAN of Bar
Harbor, PERRY of Calais.

2 **Sec. 1. Prospective interim payment increase. Resolved:** That the
3 Department of Health and Human Services shall study the MaineCare
4 principles of reimbursement providing prospective interim
5 payments to hospitals and shall adopt rules to amend the
6 principles of reimbursement with regard to certain rural
7 hospitals by January 1, 2006 as follows.

8 1. The amended principles must provide for increased
9 prospective interim payments paid on a regular schedule provided
10 by rule.

12 2. The amended principles must provide for increased
13 prospective payments to rural hospitals that are found to provide
14 high-quality patient care, that implement cost-control
15 initiatives, including collaboration with other hospitals to
16 achieve cost savings, and that have been adversely affected by
17 financial policies adopted and implemented by the Department of
18 Health and Human Services.

20 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical
21 rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter
22 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

26 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human
27 Services to study the prospective interim payments payable to
28 hospitals and to increase those payments to rural hospitals that
29 provide high-quality care, implement cost-control initiatives and
30 are adversely affected by new financial policies.