

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 **Health and Human Services**

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5 **STATE OF MAINE**  
6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
7 **122ND LEGISLATURE**  
8 **SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1355, L.D. 1914, Bill, "An Act To  
10 Increase Wheelchair Van Services Reimbursement Rates"

11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the  
12 summary and inserting in its place the following:

13 **Sec. 1. Reimbursement rates.** The Department of Health and Human Services  
14 shall increase the MaineCare program reimbursement rates for wheelchair van services  
15 on an ongoing basis beginning in fiscal year 2006-07.

16 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
17 allocations are made.

18 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
19 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

20 Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds to increase the reimbursement rates for  
21 wheelchair van services under the MaineCare program to cover losses the providers are  
22 incurring.

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24	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
25	All Other	\$0	\$445,000
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27	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
28		\$0	\$445,000
29	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
30	All Other	\$0	\$763,582
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32	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$763,582

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment retains the provisions of the bill that direct the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the reimbursement rates for wheelchair van services. It adds language expressing the intent that this funding increase be provided on an ongoing basis. It decreases the appropriation to \$445,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 and adds an allocation of federal matching funds.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1914

LR 2609(02)

## An Act To Increase Wheelchair Van Services Reimbursement Rates

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

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$445,000	\$463,089	\$483,095
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$445,000	\$463,089	\$483,095
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$763,582	\$797,704	\$832,165
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$763,582	\$797,704	\$832,165

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides a FY 2006-07 General Fund appropriation of \$445,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for wheelchair van services. It is assumed this appropriation, combined with federal Medicaid matching funds, would fund an increase in the wheelchair van service base rate per trip from \$14.62 to \$18.00 per trip and the mileage rate from \$1.65 to \$3.00 per mile.