

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1397

House of Representatives, February 7, 2006

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services  
To Amend Its Rules To Ensure Efficiencies in the Billing and  
Delivery of Outpatient Clinical Services**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
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Clerk

Presented by Representative BURNS of Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, FAIRCLOTH of  
Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, MILLER of Somerville,  
WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport.

1 **Sec. 1. Reimbursement of service providers in independent practice;**  
2 **amend rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall  
3 amend its rules governing reimbursement under MaineCare to allow for reimbursement to  
4 outpatient clinical service providers who practice independently. For purposes of this  
5 section, "outpatient clinical service providers" includes, but is not limited to, licensed  
6 clinical social workers and licensed clinical professional counselors.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 Under rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services, certain  
9 providers of outpatient clinical services may be reimbursed for services provided to  
10 MaineCare members only if the service providers are affiliated with an agency. This  
11 resolve directs the department to amend its rules governing reimbursement under  
12 MaineCare to allow for reimbursement to providers of outpatient clinical services who  
13 practice independently.