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House of Representatives, January 9, 2007

An Act To Increase Funding for Private Nonmedical Institutions

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, PERRY of Calais, RINES of Wiscasset, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth, WEBSTER of Freeport.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **Departmentwide 0664**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to
7 increase reimbursement rates to all providers of private nonmedical institution services by
8 5% beginning on October 1, 2007.

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10 GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
11 Unallocated	\$11,500,000	\$15,500,000
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13 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,500,000	\$15,500,000

14 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

15 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to
16 increase reimbursement rates to all providers of private nonmedical institution services by
17 5% beginning on October 1, 2007.

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19 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2007-08	2008-09
20 All Other	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
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22 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000

23 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**
24 **DEPARTMENT OF**

25 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2007-08	2008-09
26 GENERAL FUND	\$11,500,000	\$15,500,000
27 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
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29 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$22,000,000	\$29,500,000

30 **Sec. 2. Transfer of funds; report required.** Notwithstanding the Maine
31 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law, for fiscal years
32 ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the Commissioner of Health and Human

1 Services shall transfer, by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget
2 Officer and approval of the Governor, funds appropriated to the unallocated line category
3 in the Departmentwide program to support an increase in private nonmedical institution
4 reimbursement to the appropriate All Other line category in the various MaineCare and
5 non-MaineCare programs within the Department of Health and Human Services. These
6 transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2007-08 and
7 2008-09. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall provide a report by
8 September 15, 2007 and July 1, 2008 to the members of the joint standing committee of
9 the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs that identifies
10 the amount transferred by program.

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SUMMARY

12 This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations for the Department of Health
13 and Human Services to increase reimbursement rates to all providers of private
14 nonmedical institution services by 5% beginning on October 1, 2007. It also establishes a
15 procedure for transferring funds out of the Departmentwide program to the appropriate
16 MaineCare and non-MaineCare programs and includes a reporting requirement.