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Resolve, To Promote Community Integration for Individuals with Brain Injuries

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston, Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BURNS of Berwick, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CANAVAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, WAGNER of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

1 **Sec. 1. Community integration Medicaid waiver. Resolved:** That by
2 January 1, 2008 the Department of Health and Human Services shall apply for a waiver
3 from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and
4 Medicaid Services to operate a MaineCare waiver program to promote community
5 integration for individuals with brain injuries. The waiver program must be designed to
6 allow a person with a brain injury who is eligible for services at the nursing facility level
7 to choose to receive services in a home or in a community-based setting. In designing the
8 waiver program, prior to submitting the application for the waiver, the department shall
9 provide information to and seek input from a broadly representative group of interested
10 parties, including MaineCare members with brain injuries, families and friends of
11 MaineCare members with brain injuries and providers of services to persons with brain
12 injuries. The department shall provide reports to the Legislature by April 15, 2008,
13 January 15, 2009 and April 15, 2009 regarding its progress in applying for and securing
14 the waiver.

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SUMMARY

16 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply by
17 January 1, 2008 for a federal waiver to operate a MaineCare waiver program to allow a
18 person with a brain injury who is eligible for services at the nursing facility level to
19 choose to receive services in a home or in a community-based setting. The resolve
20 provides for public information and input from interested parties. The resolve requires
21 reports to the Legislature by April 15, 2008, January 15, 2009 and April 15, 2009
22 regarding the department's progress in applying for and securing the waiver.