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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 499, L.D. 650, Bill, "An Act To Equalize  
MaineCare Reimbursements to Hospitals"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. MaineCare settlements to hospitals.** Except as otherwise provided in  
this section, the Department of Health and Human Services shall, when carrying out final  
and interim settlements of payments to hospitals for services provided to MaineCare  
members, pay all final settlements for hospital fiscal years 2003 and earlier prior to  
paying interim settlements for services for hospital fiscal years 2005 and later. Nothing  
in this section limits the department's authority to:

- 1. Make ongoing MaineCare payments for services being rendered during the current  
fiscal year; or
- 2. Provide partial settlements for hospital fiscal years 2004 and later to certain  
hospitals in need of such relief in order to relieve financial hardship.

The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant  
to this section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services may  
provide relief to hospitals with financial hardship, while at the same time prioritizing final  
settlements for hospital fiscal years 2003 and earlier.

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