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House of Representatives, March 2, 2007

Resolve, To Evaluate MaineCare Finances

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and
Representatives: MILLETT of Waterford, MILLS of Farmington, RECTOR of Thomaston,
Senator: TURNER of Cumberland.

1 **Sec. 1. Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to**
2 **commission study. Resolved:** That the Office of Program Evaluation and
3 Government Accountability shall commission a study for a comprehensive analysis of
4 MaineCare finances through a subcontract with an independent analyst that has no direct
5 connection to State Government. The study must be completed in time to report pursuant
6 to section 2 and must analyze the following issues, breaking down the analysis, when
7 applicable, into per enrollee per month and per enrollee in the aggregate, comparing the
8 State with the average of other states and distinguishing between services and covered
9 individuals that are mandated by federal law and that are discretionary:

10 1. The distribution of MaineCare costs by age, type of service and enrollment
11 category;

12 2. The portion of MaineCare expenses attributable to individuals required to be
13 covered by the Federal Government and to individuals covered through the discretion of
14 MaineCare due to Medicaid expansions;

15 3. The portion of MaineCare expenses attributable to services required to be
16 provided by federal law and to expenses provided through the discretion of MaineCare
17 due to Medicaid expansions;

18 4. The range and average of procedure-specific reimbursement rates among the
19 states and how they compare with reimbursement rates in the State;

20 5. The range in frequency of use of specific medical services and procedures and key
21 service categories in the State as compared with the national average, for both federally
22 mandated enrollees and all enrollees;

23 6. The extent to which MaineCare has maximized its opportunities for federal funds;
24 and

25 7. The range among the states in premium contributions by enrollees and patient
26 deductibles and copayments for covered services and how they compare with the State;
27 and be it further

28 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15, 2009, the Office of
29 Program Evaluation and Government Accountability shall report the results of the study
30 under section 1, along with any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee
31 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters in the First
32 Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The joint standing committee of the
33 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters may submit
34 legislation related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature; and
35 be it further

36 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
37 appropriations and allocations are made.

38 **PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY,**
39 **OFFICE OF**

1 **MaineCare Financial Study**

2 Initiative: Provides funds for the Office of Program Evaluation and Government
3 Accountability to commission a study to analyze MaineCare's finances.

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5	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
6	All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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SUMMARY

10 This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year
11 2007-08 to provide funds to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government
12 Accountability to commission a study to analyze MaineCare's finances through a
13 subcontract with an independent analyst that has no direct connection to State
14 Government.