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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

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123RD LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A." to S.P. 386, L.D. 1198, Bill, "An Act To Discontinue Over-the-counter Drug Coverage for MaineCare Patients"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Regarding the Provision of Over-the-counter Medications in the MaineCare Program'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Educational initiative. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services shall undertake an educational initiative for health care practitioners who prescribe medications under the MaineCare program. The initiative must provide information on prescription medications and any available over-the-counter equivalents that are reimbursed under MaineCare and must remind practitioners that MaineCare will reimburse for over-the-counter medications only when they are medically necessary.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and makes it a resolve. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services to undertake an educational initiative for health care practitioners who prescribe medications under the MaineCare program to provide information on prescription medications and any available over-the-counter equivalents and to remind practitioners that MaineCare will reimburse for over-the-counter medications only when they are medically necessary.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1198

LR 2126(02)

An Act To Discontinue Over-the-counter Drug Coverage for MaineCare Patients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Office of MaineCare Services in the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed by the office utilizing existing budget resources.