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House of Representatives, March 20, 2007

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services
To Reform Maine's Noncategorical Medicaid Program**

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

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Presented by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FLOOD of Winthrop, HANLEY of Gardiner, MILLETT of Waterford, ROBINSON of Raymond, WALKER of Lincolnville.

1 **Sec. 1. Reform Medicaid program. Resolved:** That the Department of Health
2 and Human Services shall make reforms to the state Medicaid program for noncategorical
3 Medicaid recipients that will contain costs until the State can sustain a more generous
4 system. The department shall evaluate the program and propose reforms to the Second
5 Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature and any legislation needed to implement
6 reforms; and be it further

7 **Sec. 2. Limitation on eligibility and benefits. Resolved:** That the
8 Department of Health and Human Services shall limit the eligibility and benefits for
9 noncategorical Medicaid recipients during fiscal years when the state and local tax burden
10 ranks in the highest 1/3 of all states as determined by the Revenue Forecasting
11 Committee, the State Tax Assessor and nongovernmental organizations that represent
12 differing viewpoints, including the Maine Center for Economic Policy and the Maine
13 Economic Research Institute; and be it further

14 **Sec. 3. Higher levels of benefits. Resolved:** That the Department of Health
15 and Human Services shall increase benefits only when the state and local tax burden
16 ranks in the middle 1/3 of all states as determined by the Revenue Forecasting
17 Committee, the State Tax Assessor and nongovernmental organizations that represent
18 differing viewpoints, including the Maine Center for Economic Policy and the Maine
19 Economic Research Institute.

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SUMMARY

21 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to make reforms
22 to the state Medicaid program for noncategorical Medicaid recipients that will contain
23 costs until the State can sustain a more generous system. It would require the department
24 to evaluate the program and propose reforms to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd
25 Legislature and any legislation needed to implement reforms. The resolve requires the
26 department to limit the eligibility and benefits for noncategorical Medicaid recipients
27 during fiscal years when the state and local tax burden ranks in the highest 1/3 of all
28 states as determined by the Revenue Forecasting Committee, the State Tax Assessor and
29 nongovernmental organizations that represent differing viewpoints, including the Maine
30 Center for Economic Policy and the Maine Economic Research Institute. It would allow
31 the department to increase benefits only when the state and local tax burden ranks in the
32 middle 1/3 of all states as determined by the Revenue Forecasting Committee, the State
33 Tax Assessor and nongovernmental organizations that represent differing viewpoints.