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L.D. 1843

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

123RD LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 660, L.D. 1843, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Quality of Health Care in Maine"

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

'Resolve, To Eliminate or Reduce the Health Care Data Collection Problems Associated with Global Claims'

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the existence of global claims is creating serious problems with the identification of practitioners and the computation of payments in the data currently collected by the Maine Health Data Organization and used by the Maine Quality Forum and the Governor's Office of Health Care Policy and Finance and must be addressed; and

Whereas, the solution to the problem will be complex, involve a number of entities and take a number of months to achieve; and

Whereas, emergency enactment is required to enable the interested parties time to work together and to take action prior to the report due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2009; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That representatives of health insurance carriers licensed in the State, 3rd-party administrators and hospitals licensed in the State, with

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 660, L.D. 1843

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1 representatives of the Maine Association of Health Plans, the Maine Hospital Association
2 and the Maine Health Data Organization, all of whom are referred to in this resolve as
3 "the work group," shall meet to evaluate the Maine combined bill demonstration project,
4 as proposed by the National Uniform Billing Committee. The work group may identify
5 and propose an alternative that will solve the data collection problems associated with
6 global claims; and be it further

7 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the work group shall report the findings of the
8 study under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
9 jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2009.

10 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
11 legislation takes effect when approved.'

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment changes the bill to a resolve, changes the title and inserts an
14 emergency preamble and emergency clause. This amendment directs representatives of
15 health insurance carriers licensed in the State, 3rd-party administrators, hospitals licensed
16 in the State and representatives of the Maine Association of Health Plans, the Maine
17 Hospital Association and the Maine Health Data Organization to evaluate the Maine
18 combined bill demonstration project, as proposed by the National Uniform Billing
19 Committee. The amendment directs the work group to report the findings of the study to
20 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
21 services matters by January 15, 2009.

22 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

23 (See attached)



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1843

LR 1044(02)

An Act To Improve the Quality of Health Care in Maine

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

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Maine Health Data Organization can be absorbed by the organization utilizing existing budgeted resources.