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Resolve, Regarding the Use of MaineCare for Catastrophic Illness

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

1 **Sec. 1. MaineCare waiver. Resolved:** That, by October 1, 2009, the
2 Department of Health and Human Services, through its office of MaineCare services,
3 shall apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver
4 under the MaineCare program to provide coverage for persons with physical
5 disabilities who develop a catastrophic illness. The waiver must provide full
6 MaineCare coverage for the duration of the catastrophic illness. Coverage under the
7 waiver must be provided beginning April 1, 2010. The department shall report to the
8 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
9 services matters by January 1, 2010 on the progress of the waiver application.

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SUMMARY

11 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services, through its
12 office of MaineCare services, to apply for a Medicaid waiver to provide beginning
13 April 1, 2010 MaineCare coverage for persons with physical disabilities who develop
14 a catastrophic illness and requires a report to the joint standing committee of the
15 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1,
16 2010 on the progress of the waiver application.

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