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House of Representatives, March 2, 2009

Resolve, To Adjust Copayment Rules To Ensure Access to Homebased Care Services

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

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Presented by Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk. Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, EVES of North Berwick, FLOOD of Winthrop, LEWIN of Eliot, MILLER of Somerville, PERRY of Calais, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland. Sec. 1. Amend rules. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules for home-based care copayments by:

1. Defining housing expenses; transportation expenses; life insurance expenses; unreimbursed medical expenses for a spouse only; and allowable personal expenses;

2. Adding housing expenses; transportation expenses; life insurance expenses; unreimbursed medical expenses for a spouse only; and allowable personal expenses to the consumer payment formula;

3. Adding instructions to subtract \$30,000 instead of \$15,000 from the amount of liquid assets calculated under the consumer payment formula in step (2) (a) and (b) and, if the result is less than zero, use zero; and

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4. Striking the section regarding waiver of consumer payment.

## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules for home-based care copayments to eliminate the copayment waiver and simplify the determination of financial eligibility for the home-based care program. The resolve allows for consideration of expenses for housing, transportation, life insurance, allowable personal expenses and a spouse's unreimbursed medical expenses. The resolve also increases allowable household assets to no more than \$30,000.