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Majority

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

125TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1246, L.D. 1694, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review Rules Governing Reimbursement to MaineCare Recipients for Transportation to Freestanding Methadone Clinics"

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review Rules Governing Reimbursement to MaineCare Recipients for Transportation to and from MaineCare Services'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Review; rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review reimbursement under the MaineCare program for transportation of MaineCare members to and from MaineCare services, including but not limited to methadone treatment services at freestanding methadone clinics, in order to improve consistency across the State, to prevent and detect fraud and to decrease costs to the MaineCare program. The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by December 15, 2012 the results of its review, including recommendations for action by the department and the Legislature.

In conducting the review required by this resolve, the department shall:

1. Solicit input from health care providers, the MaineCare advisory committee within the Department of Health and Human Services, regional transportation providers and freestanding methadone clinics throughout the State regarding potential use of transportation brokers across the State, protocols used to confirm member eligibility for transportation services, methods for arranging, scheduling and verifying the use of transportation services, methods to obtain patient consent and methods for sharing information among the patient, the health care provider or the freestanding methadone

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1 clinic, the transportation provider and the office of MaineCare services within the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services;

3 2. Solicit input from district attorneys regarding any instances of suspected or  
4 confirmed fraud in MaineCare reimbursement for transportation to and from health care  
5 providers and methadone treatment services at freestanding methadone clinics;

6 3. Review the requirements for member eligibility for transportation services,  
7 including verification of the member's place of residence, transportation reimbursement  
8 that is limited to the closest health care provider, requirements for requesting and  
9 scheduling transportation services and options and procedures for terminating  
10 transportation reimbursement for a member who violates department rules or  
11 requirements of a health care provider or freestanding methadone clinic;

12 4. Review, establish a timeline for and report on progress toward a regional  
13 transportation system for serving MaineCare members that uses transportation brokers,  
14 pays a flat rate per month per MaineCare member to the transportation broker and  
15 provides some degree of standardization across the State; and

16 5. Review options for limiting transportation reimbursement allowable under federal  
17 law and regulation and options for coordinating transportation services in order to  
18 decrease costs when transportation is needed for more than one type of MaineCare  
19 service.'

## 20 SUMMARY

21 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review  
22 reimbursement for transportation for MaineCare members to and from MaineCare  
23 services, including but not limited to freestanding methadone clinics that provide  
24 methadone treatment services. The amendment directs the Department of Health and  
25 Human Services to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
26 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by December 15, 2012.

## 27 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

28 (See attached)



Approved: 02/23/12 *MAC*

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LD 1694

LR 2640(02)

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**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-783)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to review and report on transportation reimbursement to freestanding methadone clinics can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.