

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**126TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 337, L.D. 487, "Resolve, To Establish MaineCare Eligibility for Young Adults Who Were Formerly in Foster Care"

Amend the resolve 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,** young adults who were formerly in foster care are eligible for MaineCare coverage beginning January 1, 2014 and are in need of coverage immediately through state-funded MaineCare benefits to ensure their health, safety and prosperity; and

**Whereas,** outreach, identification and enrollment of young adults who were formerly in foster care must begin in July 2013 in order to cover this population from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013; 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. State-funded MaineCare coverage for eligible foster children. Resolved:** That from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide coverage under the MaineCare program funded entirely from the General Fund for an eligible foster child. For the purposes of this section, "eligible foster child" means a young adult who was formerly in foster care and was a member of the MaineCare program on the date of that person's 18th birthday or of that person's emancipation if that date is between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2013. In undertaking this initiative the department shall also establish a process for enrollment and shall undertake a thorough and informative outreach campaign to eligible foster children and the general public. The department shall notify all persons serving as foster parents from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2013. In undertaking this initiative the department shall:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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- 1. To the extent possible identify all eligible foster children;
- 2. Review all of the department's major databases, including the Automated Client Eligibility System operated in the Bureau of Family Independence within the department, for the most recent mailing addresses and contact information of eligible foster children;
- 3. Provide notice of eligibility in plain language to all eligible foster children identified under subsections 1 and 2 and all eligible foster children who otherwise come to the attention of the department; and
- 4. Establish and implement a process for streamlined enrollment and provide to each eligible foster child a card indicating coverage under the MaineCare program, an explanation of MaineCare benefits and notice of future renewal requirements; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for the costs of providing state-funded coverage under the MaineCare program for the period of July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 for young adults 19 to 25 years of age who were in child welfare custody and were eligible for MaineCare when they turned 19.

20	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
21	All Other	\$667,854	\$0
22			
23	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$667,854</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Office for Family Independence Z020**

Initiative: Provides funding for the eligibility system costs of providing state-funded coverage under the MaineCare program for the period of July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 for young adults 19 to 25 years of age who were in child welfare custody and were eligible for MaineCare when they turned 19.

29	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
30	All Other	\$2,690	\$0
31			
32	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,690</u>	<u>\$0</u>

33	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
34	All Other	\$2,690	\$0
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1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,690	\$0
2	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
3	<b>DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)</b>		
4	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
5			
6	GENERAL FUND	\$670,544	\$0
7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,690	\$0
8			
9	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$673,234</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment replaces  
14 the resolve and adds emergency language. This amendment establishes eligibility for  
15 MaineCare funded entirely from the General Fund beginning July 1, 2013 to December  
16 31, 2013 for certain young adults who were formerly in foster care. This amendment  
17 funds that MaineCare coverage from the General Fund.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

19 (See attached)



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 487

LR 1566(03)

Resolve, To Establish MaineCare Eligibility for Young Adults Who Were Formerly in Foster Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment **B** (H-100)  
Committee: Health and Human Services  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$670,544	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$670,544	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,690	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides appropriations of \$670,544 in fiscal year 2013-14 for the costs of providing State-funded coverage under the MaineCare program for the period July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 for young adults age 19 to 25 years of age who were in child welfare custody and MaineCare eligible when they turned 19. Federal Medicaid coverage for this population is not effective until January 1, 2014.

Expanding MaineCare coverage to include young adults age 19 to 25 years of age who were in child welfare custody and eligible for MaineCare when they turned 19 is required under the federal Affordable Care Act effective January 1, 2014. This coverage is estimated to cost \$310,317 in fiscal year 2013-14 with a State share of \$119,317 and \$2,604,198 in fiscal year 2014-15 with a State share of \$1,001,314. These estimates assume that 751 persons will utilize services by fiscal year 2014-15 at an average annual cost of \$3,468 per person. The Department of Health and Human Services has included funding for this population in the Governor's Proposed 2014-2015 Biennial Budget (LR 1046).