

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1274

S.P. 435

In Senate, March 28, 2013

An Act To Sustain Emergency Medical Services throughout the State

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and
Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, CAIN of Penobscot, HILL of York,
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, McCABE of Skowhegan, ROCHELO of Biddeford,
STUCKEY of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-JJ**, as reallocated by RR 2005, c. 1, §6, is amended to
3 read:

4 **§3174-JJ. MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services**

5 The department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level
6 that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such
7 services ~~or at the highest percent of that level that is possible within resources~~
8 ~~appropriated for those purposes.~~

9 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
10 allocations are made.

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

12 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

13 Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance
14 services to Medicare reimbursement rate levels.

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16	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
17	All Other	\$1,203,142	\$1,211,175
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19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,203,142</u>	<u>\$1,211,175</u>
20	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2013-14	2014-15
21	All Other	\$1,946,857	\$1,938,825
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23	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,946,857</u>	<u>\$1,938,825</u>

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill increases MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services to
26 Medicare reimbursement rate levels and provides an appropriation and allocation for the
27 increased costs to the MaineCare program.