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H.P. 972

House of Representatives, April 9, 2013

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Hospital Leave Days for **MaineCare Recipients**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.

Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and

Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, HARVELL of Farmington, MALABY of Hancock, McELWEE of Caribou, SIROCKI of Scarborough,

Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, LACHOWICZ of Kennebec.

2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4	Whereas, Public Law 2013, chapter 1 limited the hospital and therapeutic leave days for MaineCare recipients; and
5 6 7	Whereas, this legislation clarifies the number of allowable hospital leave days by specifying that MaineCare recipients are limited to 4 hospital leave days per hospital visit and one therapeutic leave day per year; and
8 9	Whereas, the change to the amount of leave days was implemented March 25, 2013 and it is therefore imperative that this legislation take effect immediately; and
10 11 12 13	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,
14	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
15 16 17 18	Sec. 1. PL 2013, c. 1, Pt. A, §23, under the caption "HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (Formerly DHS)," in the 3rd occurrence of that part relating to "Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147," is amended by amending the initiative paragraph to read:
19 20 21	Initiative: Reduces funding by limiting hospital and therapeutic leave days in the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 45 and 67, to 4 hospital <u>leave</u> days per hospital <u>visit</u> and one therapeutic leave <u>days</u> day per year.
22	Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to March 25, 2013.
23 24	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
25	SUMMARY
26 27 28	This bill amends Public Law 2013, chapter 1 to clarify that the number of hospital and therapeutic leave days for MaineCare recipients is limited to 4 hospital leave days per hospital visit and one therapeutic leave day per year.