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1		L.D. 1596
2	Date: 3/21/14	(Filing No. H-723)
2		(rining 100. 11- 10)
3	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
4	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.	
5	STATE OF MAINE	
6	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	
7	126TH LEGISLATURE	
8	SECOND REGU	LAR SESSION
9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1167, L.D. 1596, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend MaineCare Rules as They Pertain to the Delivery of Covered Services via Telecommunications Technology"	
12 13	Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:	
14 15	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and	
16 17 18 19	Whereas, reviewing the availability of technology and implementing new rules on through telecommunication technology will co more efficient MaineCare services; and	
20 21 22	Whereas, providing for this legislation to to expanding access to, and lowering the co possible; and	o take effect upon approval will contribute osts of delivering, health care as soon as
23 24 25 26	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislat the meaning of the Constitution of Maine immediately necessary for the preservation of therefore, be it	
27 28 29 30	Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall convene a working group to review the MaineCare rules regarding the definition of "telehealth" and the technologies used for provider-patient interaction involving MaineCare patients.	
31 32	The Commissioner of Health and Human following on the working group:	Services shall invite the participation of the
33	1. A representative of the Home Care and	Hospice Alliance of Maine;
34	2. A representative of the Maine Hospital	Association;

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3. A representative of MaineHealth;

4. An independent business owner of a health care telecommunication technology;

3 5. A representative of the behavioral health telecommunication technology
4 community;

6. A representative of an organization that advocates for persons with developmental disabilities;

7 7. Members of the department with expertise in MaineCare and professional8 certification; and

8. Any other interested parties.

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10 The working group shall focus on telephonic and video communications and 11 determine when communications that are not visual may be appropriate and sufficient; 12 and be it further

13 Sec. 2. Amend MaineCare rules. Resolved: That the department shall amend 14 its rules no later than October 1, 2014 regarding telehealth after the review of existing 15 rules pursuant to section 1. Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical 16 rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

18 This amendment replaces the resolve with a resolve directing the Department of 19 Health and Human Services to convene a working group to review the MaineCare rules 20 regarding the definition of "telehealth" and the technologies used for provider-patient 21 interaction involving MaineCare patients. The working group is required to determine 22 when communications that are not visual may be appropriate and sufficient. The 23 Department of Health and Human Services is directed to amend its rules regarding 24 telehealth based upon the review by the working group.

## FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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## **126th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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> - Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A' (H-723) Committee: Health and Human Services Fiscal Note Required: Yes

> > **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund

## **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources. Any impact on MaineCare spending as a result of any changes made based on the recommendations of the working group cannot be determined at this time.