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L.D. 1465
(Filing No. H-547)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1006, L.D. 1465, Bill, "An Act To Require the State To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-JJ, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 441, §1, is further amended to read:

The department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services or at the highest percent of that level that is possible within resources appropriated for those purposes. Beginning March 1, 2015, the department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than 65% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services. Beginning August 1, 2016, the department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than 70% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services.

Sec. 2. Rate study. The Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with a 3rd-party consultant to conduct a rate study of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 5, Ambulance Services. The rate study must account for provider costs related to ambulance services. The rate study must also assess the feasibility of reimbursing for community paramedicine services and potential rates for those services. The 3rd-party consultant conducting the study under this section shall invite the participation of stakeholders providing ambulance services.

Sec. 3. Report. The Department of Health and Human Services, no later than January 1, 2017, shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the department's progress on developing a reimbursement rate for community paramedicine services pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 2354(02)

An Act To Require the State To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-547)
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$443,329	\$438,041	\$438,041
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$443,329	\$438,041	\$438,041
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$786,433	\$791,721	\$791,721
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$786,433	\$791,721	\$791,721

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$443,329 in fiscal year 2016-17 to increase reimbursement for ambulance services to 70% of the Medicare allowable rate. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match.