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section 2 of this Act.

1	L.D. 1465				
2	Date: 3/8/14 (Filing No. H-547)				
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	127TH LEGISLATURE				
8	SECOND REGULAR SESSION				
9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1006, L.D. 1465, Bill, "An Act To Require the State To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services"				
11 12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:				
13 14	'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-JJ, first \P , as amended by PL 2013, c. 441, §1, is further amended to read:				
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	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.				
24 25 26 27 28 29 30	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.				
31	Sec. 3. Report. The Department of Health and Human Services, no later than				

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

40.	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1006, L.D. 1465					
1 2	Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The allocations are made.	e following approp	riations and			
3	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)					
4	Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147					
5 6	Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement for ambulance services to 70% of the Medicare allowable rate.					
7	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17			
8	All Other	\$0	\$443,329			
9 10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$443,329			
11 12 13	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND All Other	2015-16 \$0	2016-17 \$786,433			
14 15	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$786,433			
16	SUMMARY					
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	This amendment replaces the bill and increases the reimbursement rate for ambulance services under MaineCare from the current no less than 65% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services to no less than 70%, rather than to the Medicare rate as in the bill. This amendment also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with a 3rd-party consultant to conduct a rate study on ambulance services. The rate study must include the feasibility of developing community paramedicine reimbursement rates. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to submit a report on developing a reimbursement rate for community paramedicine programs to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2017. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.					
28	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED					

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(See attached)

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1465

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.