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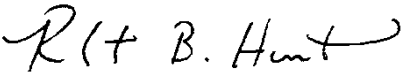
No. 998

H.P. 699

House of Representatives, March 14, 2017

An Act To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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

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

4 **§3174-JJ. MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance and community paramedicine**
5 **services**

6 The department shall reimburse for ambulance services and community paramedicine
7 services that do not involve transporting patients under MaineCare at a level that is not
8 less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services or at
9 the highest percent of that level that is possible within resources appropriated for those
10 purposes. Beginning March 1, 2015, the department shall reimburse for ambulance
11 services and, beginning March 1, 2018, community paramedicine services that do not
12 involve transporting patients under MaineCare at a level that is not less than 65% of the
13 average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services.

14 **Sec. 2. Reimbursement for community paramedicine services.** The
15 Department of Health and Human Services shall work with emergency medical services
16 providers in the State to define community paramedicine services that do not involve
17 transporting patients and to provide reimbursement for those services under MaineCare
18 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-JJ.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to work with
21 emergency medical services providers in the State to define, and provide reimbursement
22 under MaineCare for, community paramedicine services that do not involve transporting
23 patients.