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Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator DION of Cumberland and

Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, FARNSWORTH of Portland.

1 Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and Whereas, recent changes to the formula used by the Department of Health and 3 4 Human Services for determining Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers of rehabilitation services have placed an undue and inequitable financial burden on the 5 providers of these services; and 6 7 Whereas, it is imperative that this inequity be corrected as soon as possible; and 8 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 9 10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it 11 Sec. 1. Medicaid reimbursement rates. Resolved: That the Department of 12 Health and Human Services shall increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate provided to 13 rehabilitation hospitals. This increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rate must be 14 15 funded using existing hospital reimbursement resources and have no net cost to the General Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds or the Federal Expenditures Fund. 16 17 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 18 legislation takes effect when approved. 19 **SUMMARY** 20 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the 21 Medicaid reimbursement rate provided to rehabilitation hospitals. This increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rate must be funded using existing hospital reimbursement 22 23 resources and have no net cost to the General Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds or the 24 Federal Expenditures Fund.