

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 197

House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

### **Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of  
Waterville, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, President  
JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, WOODSOME of York.

1       **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase**  
2 **MaineCare rates. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2020, the Department of  
3 Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits  
4 Manual, Chapter III, Section 15 to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services  
5 for manipulative treatments under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less  
6 than 70% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate  
7 is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2019.

8       **Sec. 2. Rate study. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding section 1, if the  
9 Department of Health and Human Services conducts a rate study of chiropractic services  
10 for manipulative treatments, the department may adopt new rates for manipulative  
11 treatments that are recommended by the rate study by amending its rules in Chapter 101:  
12 MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15.

13       **Sec. 3. Routine technical rules. Resolved:** That rules adopted pursuant to  
14 section 1 or 2 are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,  
15 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

16       **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
17 appropriations and allocations are made.

18       **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
19 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

20 Initiative: Provides funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its  
21 rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15 to increase  
22 reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments under  
23 procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than 70% of the federal Medicare  
24 reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate  
25 reimbursed as of January 1, 2019.

26	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
27	All Other	\$25,955	\$51,909
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29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,955</u>	<u>\$51,909</u>

30	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
31	All Other	\$46,829	\$93,658
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33	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$46,829</u>	<u>\$93,658</u>

34       **SUMMARY**

35       This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, by January 1, 2020,  
36 to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15

1 to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments  
2 under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than 70% of the federal  
3 Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the  
4 rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2019. If the department conducts a rate study of  
5 chiropractic services for manipulative treatments, the department may adopt new rates.  
6 The rules adopted are routine technical rules.