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Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Codes under MaineCare

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RILEY of Jay. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase 2 MaineCare reimbursement rates. Resolved: That, no later than October 1, 2019, 3 the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: 4 MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 68 and 85 to increase reimbursement 5 rates for occupational therapy and physical therapy services to no less than 70% of the 6 federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower 7 than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2019.

8 **Sec. 2. Routine technical rules. Resolved:** That rules adopted pursuant to this 9 resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, 10 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

This resolve sets the reimbursement rates for occupational therapy and physical therapy services under the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 68 and 85 at 70% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate as long as the rate is no lower than the rate in effect on January 1, 2019.