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In Senate, February 19, 2019

**An Act To Provide Adequate Reimbursement under MaineCare for
Ambulance and Neonatal Transport Services**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and
Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington,
Representatives: KESCHL of Belgrade, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair,
PERRY of Calais.

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 services**

5 The department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level
6 that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such
7 services or at the highest percent of that level that is possible within resources
8 appropriated for those purposes. Beginning March 1, 2015, the department shall
9 reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than 65% of
10 the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services. Beginning
11 September 1, 2019, the department shall reimburse for ambulance services under
12 MaineCare at a level that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under
13 Medicare for such services and shall reimburse for neonatal transport services under
14 MaineCare at the average rate for critical care transport services under Medicare.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill specifies that beginning September 1, 2019 the reimbursement rate for
17 ambulance services under the MaineCare program may not be less than the average
18 allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare and reimbursement for neonatal transport
19 services under MaineCare must be at the average rate for critical care transport services
20 under Medicare.