

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 690

House of Representatives, February 21, 2019

**An Act To Increase the Viability of Assisted Living Facilities by  
Increasing the Rate of Reimbursement**

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

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. PL 2017, c. 460, Pt. B, §2, sub-§3** is amended to read:

3 **3. Rate study.** Cost-of-living increases as described in subsection 2 must continue  
4 on an annual basis until the Department of Health and Human Services has completed a  
5 rate study conducted by a 3rd party, including participation of providers, for adult family  
6 care services, adult day services or homemaker services and the rates in the rate study  
7 have been implemented. The rates implemented pursuant to the rate study must be  
8 increased by an inflation adjustment cost-of-living percentage change in reimbursement  
9 in accordance with the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
10 Consumer Price Index medical care index.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 Under current law, the MaineCare payment rates attributable to wages and salaries  
13 for personal care and related services for adult family care services, adult day services  
14 and homemaker services must be increased by a cost-of-living adjustment until the  
15 Department of Health and Human Services has completed a rate study conducted by a 3rd  
16 party, including participation of providers, for adult family care services, adult day  
17 services or homemaker services and the rates in the rate study have been implemented.

18 This bill requires that the rates determined by the department pursuant to the rate  
19 study also must be increased by a cost-of-living adjustment.