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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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129TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 785, L.D. 1062, Bill, "An Act To Support Maine Families by Providing for Transportation of Parents and Guardians of MaineCare Recipients under 18 Years of Age to Their Appointments"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSa §3174-CCC is enacted to read:

§3174-CCC. Coverage for transportation of parents or guardians of MaineCare program recipients

1. Transportation requirements. The department shall provide nonemergency medical transportation for a parent or guardian of a MaineCare member under 18 years of age who is in a residential care facility or receiving inpatient medical services if:

A. The transportation is to the facility where the MaineCare member under 18 years of age is receiving medical services and the presence of the parent or guardian at the facility is part of the treatment plan for that MaineCare member; and

B. In accordance with the federal Medicaid program and regulations, no other means of transportation is available to the parent or guardian and the costs of the transportation provided by the department are eligible for matching federal Medicaid funds.

2. Rulemaking. If the costs of the transportation required under this section are or become eligible for matching federal funds under the federal Medicaid program, the department shall adopt or amend rules to govern the provision of nonemergency medical transportation as described in subsection 1. Rules adopted or amended pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

3. Exception; emergency transportation. This section does not apply to emergency transportation services.

Sec. 2. Waivers or state plan amendments. No later than January 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall apply for any necessary Medicaid

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/23/19 *MAC*

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LD 1062

LR 1599(02)

**An Act To Support Maine Families by Providing for Transportation of Parents and Guardians of
MaineCare Recipients under 18 Years of Age to Their Appointments**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A. (H-428)

Fiscal Note

Contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Contingent current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide nonemergency medical transportation for a parent or guardian of a MaineCare member under 18 years of age to and from a residential care facility when the member is an inpatient at a residential care facility and no other means of transportation is available to the parent or guardian, so long as this transportation is eligible for federal matching funds. The bill also requires the DHHS to apply for any necessary Medicaid waivers or submit any state plan amendments (SPA) to receive federal matching Medicaid funds for transportation of parents or guardians, as outlined above. These trips will be contingent upon a waiver or SPA approval by the federal government, as these trips are currently not eligible in the MaineCare program. As it is not known how many trips a parent or guardian would make without the child in the car, no estimate of this contingent impact is made at this time.