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Amendment Name: Amendment CB (H-879) (LD 1142 2020)

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 831, L.D. 1142, “Resolve, To Expand Transportation Services for Seniors Who Are MaineCare Members”

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to review nonmedical transportation programs. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review nonmedical transportation programs in other states that provide transportation services under Medicaid to older adults with disabilities and other adults with disabilities, brain injury or other related conditions and determine options for providing these services in this State. The department shall review the New York Medicaid program that provides up to \$2,000 annually per individual for nonmedical transportation costs for services in an individual's plan of care as well as any other similar or relevant methods of financing such services. The department shall assess options for modifying or amending home and community-based waiver programs, in particular the waiver programs provided under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 19, to provide nonmedical transportation services to recipients of current services. The department shall meet with relevant stakeholders as necessary to assess programs in other states and develop programs for use in this State, including pilot projects. The department shall submit a report with its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 28, 2021. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters may report out legislation based on the report to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sec. 2. Pilot project. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a pilot project lasting 18 months that allows individuals currently receiving services under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 19 to receive up to \$1,000 each in nonmedical transportation services that are specified in the individual's service plan when the individual has no other means of transportation, in addition to currently permissible medical transportation. The department shall provide written notice

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1 to Section 19 recipients regarding the availability of the pilot program. The department
2 shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
3 over health and human services matters with an evaluation of the costs and effectiveness
4 of the pilot project and an assessment regarding its long-term viability no later than January
5 30, 2023. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the First Regular
6 Session of 131st Legislature.

7 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
8 appropriations and allocations are made.

9 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

10 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

11 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to
12 develop a pilot project lasting 18 months that provides nonmedical transportation services
13 to individuals receiving services pursuant to Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,
14 Section 19 up to \$1,000 in addition to currently permissible medical transportation services.

15 GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
16 All Other	\$0	\$458,311
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18 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$458,311

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20 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
21 section number to read consecutively.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the resolve
24 and removes the emergency preamble and clause. As in the majority report, the amendment
25 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review nonmedical
26 transportation programs in other states that provide services under Medicaid to older adults
27 with disabilities and other adults with disabilities, brain injury or other related conditions
28 to determine options for providing nonmedical transportation services in this State. The
29 department is required to review the New York Medicaid program and any other relevant
30 programs, determine options for modifying or amending home and community-based
31 waiver programs, and develop possible programs, including pilot projects, for use in this
32 State. The department is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the
33 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than
34 February 28, 2021, and the committee is authorized to report out legislation to the First
35 Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

36 This amendment also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to
37 develop a pilot project lasting 18 months that provides nonmedical transportation services
38 to individuals receiving services pursuant to Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,
39 Section 19 up to \$1,000 in addition to currently permissible medical transportation services.
40 The department is required to submit a report with the costs and effectiveness of the
41 program and the future viability of the program no later than January 30, 2023. One-time
42 funding for the development of the pilot project is provided.



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1142

LR 748(03)

Resolve, To Expand Transportation Services for Seniors Who Are MaineCare Members

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$458,311	\$572,889	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$458,311	\$572,889	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$458,311 in fiscal year 2020-21 for the first 8 months of an 18-month pilot project that provides nonmedical transportation services to individuals receiving services pursuant to Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 19 up to \$1,000 in addition to currently permissible medical transportation services.