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L.D. 1228

Date: 5/24/19

(Filing No. H-367)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 889, L.D. 1228, "Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Create a Limited Benefit MaineCare Card for Individuals Eligible for the Medicare Savings Program"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop More Comprehensive MaineCare Benefit Letters'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to develop more comprehensible MaineCare benefit letters. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall examine the letters the department sends notifying individuals of their eligibility for MaineCare and the Medicare savings program, also known as the Medicare buy-in program, and make changes to the letters to ensure the format and language of the letters are as user-friendly and comprehensible as possible. The department shall investigate the possibility of a letter that includes a tear-off or cut-out section for use as proof of eligibility for persons eligible for the Medicare savings program to carry if they do not otherwise receive a card from the department for this purpose. Any changes to the letters and proof of eligibility section must be made within existing resources.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing any changes to the letters and cards pursuant to section 1. The report must be submitted by February 1, 2021.'

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to examine the letters the department sends notifying individuals of their eligibility for MaineCare and the Medicare savings program, also known as the Medicare buy-in program, and make changes to the letters to ensure the format and language of the letters are as user-friendly and comprehensible as possible. The department shall investigate the possibility of a letter that includes a tear-off or cut-out section for use as proof of eligibility for persons eligible for the Medicare savings program to carry if they do not otherwise receive a card from the department for this purpose. Any changes must be made within existing resources. The department shall report any changes to the letters and cards to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by February 1, 2021.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1228

LR 1199(02)

**Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Create a Limited Benefit  
MaineCare Card for Individuals Eligible for the Medicare Savings Program**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-367)***

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The resolve requires the Department of Health and Human services to examine the Medicare Savings Program letters for clarity and usefulness and to look into the possibility of a letter that includes a tear off or cut out section for use as proof of benefit. It is possible that using a tear off form would cost the department more than the current letter format. This bill provides no new funding. The impact of this potential new unfunded cost on other programs in the DHHS cannot be determined at this time.