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Resolve, To Reduce MaineCare Spending through Targeted Nutrition Interventions

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

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Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to seek demonstration 2 waiver. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall file an 3 application with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to request a demonstration waiver under the federal 4 Social Security Act, Section 1115 to allow medically tailored food and nutrition 5 interventions to be a reimbursable covered service. Medically tailored food and nutrition 6 interventions may be used when a health care provider determines that certain elements 7 of nutrition or foods based upon a nutrition plan developed by a licensed dietitian are 8 necessary for a patient's health. The determination by the health care provider may be for 9 reasons of preventive health care or to support treatment for a patient, may be for a 10 11 patient who is homebound and unable to prepare nutritious foods and is at a high risk for admission or readmission to a health care facility or may be to assist in a patient's health 12 outcome. 13

14 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall report annually for 5 years by January 1st to the joint standing committee of the 15 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the use of 16 services provided under a demonstration waiver under section 1, including how many 17 individuals have qualified for a nutrition intervention under section 1 and the duration of 18 and conditions treated under the nutrition intervention. The report must also include data 19 on hospital readmission rates for 2 categories of individuals with similar health 20 21 conditions: individuals who have received nutrition interventions and individuals who 22 have not received nutrition interventions.

Sec. 3. Department of Health and Human Services to file application for home-delivered meal coverage. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall file the application by October 1, 2019 with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to request that home-delivered meals be reimbursable under MaineCare as directed by Resolve 2015, chapter 54.

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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to file an 30 application with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for 31 Medicare and Medicaid Services for a demonstration waiver to allow for reimbursement 32 33 of medically tailored food and nutrition interventions when a health care provider determines that certain elements of nutrition or foods based upon a nutrition plan 34 developed by a licensed dietitian are necessary for a patient's health. This resolve also 35 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to file the application by October 36 1, 2019 with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for 37 Medicare and Medicaid Services to request that home-delivered meals be reimbursable 38 under MaineCare as directed by Resolve 2015, chapter 54. 39