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House of Representatives, January 13, 2021

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver Relating to Support Services and To Provide Funds To Prevent Homelessness

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal waiver.

Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver from the requirements of federal law and regulations. The application must seek approval for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide Medicaid-funded direct support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit the application for a waiver by October 1, 2021.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing First Assistance Program N232

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to be distributed to community action agencies to assist individuals on the verge of becoming homeless.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

19 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver from the requirements of federal law and regulations to allow Maine to provide Medicaid-funded direct support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. In addition, the resolve provides ongoing funds to the Housing First Assistance Program established within the Maine State Housing Authority to be distributed to community action agencies to assist individuals on the verge of becoming homeless.