



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2021

Legislative Document

No. 1469

H.P. 1085

House of Representatives, April 12, 2021

Resolve, To Give Direct Service Providers Hazard Pay and To Pay Additional COVID-19 Pandemic Costs

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 8, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, STOVER of Boothbay.

1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to request amendment 2 to waiver to increase rates. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human 3 Services shall request an amendment to the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services waiver using an Emergency Preparedness and Response, Appendix K from the United 4 States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 5 6 Services to increase MaineCare rates under rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, 7 Chapter II, Section 18, Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Brain Injury; 8 Section 20, Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Other Related 9 Conditions; Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual 10 Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder; and Section 29, Support Services for Adults 11 with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder and corresponding sections in Chapter III by 25% from January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021. All rates under these sections 12 of MaineCare that were increased by 10% and in effect from March 1, 2020 to May 31, 13 14 2020 and approved using an Appendix K must be increased by 25% pursuant to this section 15 except that rates for work support, employment specialist services and career planning under rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21 and Section 16 17 29 that were increased under Public Law 2019, chapter 616 and corresponding sections of 18 Chapter II are excluded and home support services provided under these sections are 19 increased to the level of a 25% increase over the rates paid in December 2020. Rates increased under this section are for the period from January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021. 20

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to request a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase the rates for direct service providers for adults with brain injuries, adults and others with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder and adults with other related conditions by 25% from January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021.

21