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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 696,
L.D. 1751, "An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical
Services"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the
following:

**'Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the
Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee and to Temporarily Increase
Ambulance Services Reimbursement Rates'**

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. Ambulance services reimbursement rate. Resolved: That,
notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-JJ or any other
provision of law to the contrary, beginning September 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027,
the Department of Health and Human Services shall reimburse for ambulance services
under the MaineCare program at a level that is 140% of the average allowable
reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services.

**Sec. 3. Transfer from Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical
Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program, Other Special Revenue
Funds account; Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care -
Payments to Providers. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the
contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from
the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and
Sustainability Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Health
and Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program, Other Special
Revenue Funds account.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following
appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for a temporary change to the Department of
Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III,

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Section 5, Ambulance Services, so that, effective September 1, 2024, MaineCare ambulance services codes with Medicare equivalents are reimbursed at 140% of the current published Medicare rates. This temporary increase ends on June 30, 2027.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$7,300,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,300,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$5,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$5,000,000

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an entity to conduct an analysis of the feasibility of implementing an ambulance service assessment fee that generates federal Medicaid matching funds to be distributed to ambulance service providers and to explore the potential for voluntary programs to increase funding to governmental ambulance service providers using intergovernmental transfer programs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$162,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$162,500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$166,483
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$166,483

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

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$162,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$7,466,483
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$5,000,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$12,628,983

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
EMS Stabilization and Sustainability Program Z382**

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1 Initiative: Provides a one-time deallocation to the Emergency Medical Services
2 Stabilization and Sustainability Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes,
3 Title 32, section 98.

4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
5	All Other	\$0	(\$15,000,000)
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7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	(\$15,000,000)

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9 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

10 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

11		2023-24	2024-25
12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$15,000,000)
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14	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	(\$15,000,000)

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16 **SECTION TOTALS**

17		2023-24	2024-25
18	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$162,500
19	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$7,466,483
20	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$10,000,000)
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22	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	(\$2,371,017)

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

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment increases for 3 years the MaineCare reimbursement rate for
28 ambulance services to 140% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare
29 for such services. The amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

30 **SPONSORED BY:** M. Rotundo

31 (Senator ROTUNDO, M.)

32 COUNTY: Androscoggin

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LD 1751

LR 494(04)

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-754)

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$7,300,000	\$7,300,000	\$7,300,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$10,000,000)	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment adds a one-time Federal Expenditures Fund allocation of \$7,300,000 and a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$5,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 and ending in fiscal year 2026-27 for a temporary change to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 5, Ambulance Services, so that effective September 1, 2024, MaineCare Ambulance Services codes with Medicare equivalents are reimbursed at 140% of the current published Medicare rates. It also provides a one-time transfer of \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 from the Department of Public Safety, EMS Stabilization and Sustainability Program to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers and provides a one-time deallocation of the \$15,000,000 to the EMS Stabilization and Sustainability Program.