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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1420, L.D. 2214, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part TTTT the following:

PART UUUU

Sec. UUUU-1. Ambulance services reimbursement rate. 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 MaineCare at a level that is 140% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services.

Sec. UUUU-2. 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. 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. UUUU-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation 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. This temporary increase ends June 30, 2027.

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1	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
2	All Other	\$0	\$7,300,000
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4	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
5		\$0	\$7,300,000
6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
7	All Other	\$0	\$5,000,000
8			
9	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
10		\$0	\$5,000,000
11	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
12	DEPARTMENT OF		
13	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
14			
15	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$7,300,000
16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$5,000,000
17			
18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
19		\$0	\$12,300,000
20	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
21	EMS Stabilization and Sustainability Program Z382		
22	Initiative: Provides one-time deallocation to the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 98.		
23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
24	All Other	\$0	(\$15,000,000)
25			
26	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
27		\$0	(\$15,000,000)
28	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
29	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
30			
31	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$15,000,000)
32			
33	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
34		\$0	(\$15,000,000)
35	SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
36			
37	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$7,300,000
38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$10,000,000)
39			
40	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
41		\$0	(\$2,700,000)

SENATE AMENDMENT

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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1420, L.D. 2214 (S-719)

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment increases for 3 years the MaineCare reimbursement rate for
5 ambulance services to 140% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare
6 for such services.

7 SPONSORED BY: *Alan Chip Curry*
8 (Senator CURRY, C.)
9 COUNTY: Waldo

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 2214

LR 3108(12)

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-719)

Sponsor: Sen. Curry of Waldo

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Appropriations/Allocations				
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
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment makes a temporary change to the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 5, Ambulance Services, so that effective July 1, 2024 MaineCare Ambulance Services codes with Medicare equivalents are reimbursed at 140% of the current published Medicare rates through June 30, 2027. This amendment includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$5,000,000 over 3 years to fund this temporary increase through June 30, 2027. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.

This amendment transfers \$15,000,000 from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), EMS Stabilization and Sustainability program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the DHHS, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program. The funding is deallocated in DPS and allocated over 3 years in DHHS.