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Legislative Document

No. 473

H. P. 793

House of Representatives, February 7, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Direct Payments for Hospital Care of Public
Assistance Recipients.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 295, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 295, to read as follows:

‘Hospital Care

Sec. 295. Hospital care accumulation fund; rules and regulations. The department is authorized and empowered to establish a hospital care accumulation fund for the direct payment to hospitals of hospital care for recipients of old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children. The fund shall be created by periodic payments into it based on a monthly amount per case as determined by the department, which monthly amount may be paid into the fund even though the monthly amount added to the assistance payment exceeds the maximum assistance payment in that particular category. Said payments shall be made from the appropriation for hospital care of recipients of old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid

to dependent children, and from federal grants available under the provisions of the Social Security Act as heretofore and hereafter amended.

The department is authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of and expenditures from said accumulation fund.

The hospital care accumulation fund shall not lapse but shall be a continuing fund so long as federal grants are available to match the state's contribution. All payments into said fund shall cease whenever either federal grants or state appropriations are withdrawn. No payments shall be made out of said fund if federal grants or state appropriations are withdrawn, except that care contracted for before the date of such withdrawal shall be paid. Any money left in the fund in the event of withdrawal of federal grants or state appropriations shall be divided between the state and the federal government in proportion to the amount contributed by each.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective on October 1, 1951.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the following amounts:

Year	Welfare Administration	Hospital Care
1951-1952	\$8,500	\$453,000
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