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CHAPTER 830

H.P. 1778 — L.D. 2431

AN ACT to Fund a Demonstration Teaching Nursing Home.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1812-D is enacted to read:

§1812-D. Reimbursement; geriatric training programs

The Department of Human Services shall amend the principles of reimbursement for long-term care facilities in order that Medicaid-certified providers of service are reimbursed for fees charged for attendance at and materials for the educational programs, as required by Title 37-B, section 602-A.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §602-A is enacted to read:

§602-A. Development and implementation of geriatric training programs

1. Cooperation. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall work cooperatively with appropriate provider and consumer groups, including the Department of Human Services, the Maine Committee on Aging, the Maine Health Care Association, the Home Care Alliance of Maine and the Maine Hospital Association, in order to develop and implement appropriate geriatric training programs.

2. Manual; training and educational programs. The Maine Veterans' Homes, in concert with the groups listed in subsection 1, shall:

A. Prepare a manual on the clinical care of geriatric patients, to be completed by June 30, 1991, with 1/3 of the manual being completed each year;

B. Conduct a series of 12 to 14 educational programs annually, in different locations of the State, in order to communicate with health care providers and state surveyors on the content of this manual;

C. Prepare a series of 6 to 8 management training programs for nursing personnel and conduct 12 to 14 educational programs annually for a period of 3 years leading to a formal program of certification in long-term care nursing management; and

D. Prepare and conduct such other geriatric educational programs as may be determined appropriate within the limits of the funds authorized for this project.

3. Pilot project. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall establish a demonstration project utilizing the concept of a teaching nursing home, in collaboration with ap-

propriate provider and consumer groups, as a mechanism to increase the number of health care providers with improved capabilities to deliver geriatric care to the State's elderly population.

4. Fees. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall charge fees for the educational programs and materials provided under this section. The fees charged shall be based on the costs of providing the educational materials.

5. Federal funds. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall work with the Department of Human Services in order to obtain maximum federal financial participation in fulfilling the purposes of this section.

6. Other funding sources. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall seek, in conjunction with appropriate provider and consumer groups, permanent sources of funding for the continuation of this demonstration project on a self-sustaining basis.

7. Duration. The length of this demonstration project shall be no longer than 3 years.

8. Account. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall maintain in a separate account, not commingled with any other sources of revenue, the funds appropriated for or generated by the fulfillment of the purpose of this section.

9. Annual report. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall submit annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources an audited financial statement and a description of program accomplishments for the previous year and program goals for the succeeding year.

10. Unused funds. At the end of the 3-year demonstration period, any unused appropriation or any funds generated by the educational programs authorized by this section shall lapse to the General Fund of the State unless the Legislature authorizes otherwise.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Maine's Elderly

All Other

\$200,000

These funds shall be used to establish, on a demonstration basis with the Maine Veterans' Home, Inc., a project utilizing the concept of a teaching nursing home, in collaboration with appropriate provider and consumer groups, as a mechanism to increase the number of health care providers with improved capabilities to deliver geriatric care to the State's elderly population.

Effective August 4, 1988.