

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 2, 1998 to June 19, 1999

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
SEPTEMBER 18, 1999

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Augusta, Maine
1999

6. Calculation of consumer payments in the elders and disabled adults home based care program must include a percentage of consumer income, phased in over 2 years. From February 1, 2000, to January 1, 2001, 4% of income must be applied to the consumer payment. From January 1, 2001, 5% of income must be applied to the consumer payment.

7. The rule takes effect February 1, 2000.

8. The Department of Human Services shall convene a working group of interested parties. The working group must consist of the following interest groups: providers of services, representatives of the department and consumers of services, equally divided among consumers of services for the elderly or representatives of those consumers and consumers of services for disabled persons or representatives of those consumers. The department shall provide notice of all meetings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

The working group shall review the current rules, the provisionally adopted major substantive rules, the impact on consumers and comparisons of consumer payments among different programs administered by the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services as well as comparing these co-payments with co-payments in other programs administered by the department. The working group shall review options for establishing an equitable co-payment system for home based care programs. In reviewing the impact of the provisionally adopted rules, the working group shall consider the number of consumers affected, how household income and assets will be affected, the impact of using a different approach to assets, the definition of liquid assets, allowances for family size, administrative costs among different providers of services, wages, benefits, hours and overtime of employees of the providers of services and other issues as determined by the working group.

The working group shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 5, 2000 with recommendations supported by all or a majority of the working group members.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 11, 1999.

CHAPTER 73

H.P. 447 - L.D. 610

Resolve, to Increase Access to Medicaid for People who Need Psychological Services

Sec. 1. Increase in reimbursement. Resolved: That, beginning October 1, 2000, the Department of Human Services shall increase by 25% reimbursement under the Medicaid program for psychological testing, treatment and evaluation services by licensed psychologists and licensed psychological examiners. The department shall adopt rules to implement the reimbursement increase. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2000-01

**HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Medical Care - Payments to Providers

All Other	\$111,446
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Provides funds to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for licensed psychologists and licensed psychological examiners.

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Sec. 3. Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2000-01

**HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Medical Care - Payments to Providers

All Other	\$218,911
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Provides funds for the federal matching share of the increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rate for licensed psychologists and licensed psychological examiners.

See title page for effective date.
