

# 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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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1999**

**Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission may request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That the commission members who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at meetings of the commission and are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses, upon application to the Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the commission's budget; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit its report with any accompanying legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 1999. If the commission requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work and make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension. Upon submission of its required reports, the work of the commission terminates; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1999-00

**LEGISLATURE**

**Commission to Study Bulk Purchasing of Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies**

Personal Services	\$1,320
All Other	1,700

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members for 4 meetings of the Commission to Study Bulk Purchasing of Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies and to print the required report.

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<b>TOTAL</b>	\$3,020
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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 17, 1999.

**CHAPTER 76**

**H.P. 1313 - L.D. 1896**

**Resolve, to Increase Certain Reimbursement Rates under the Medicaid Program**

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Commissioner of Human Services directed to increase to at least \$20 per service the allowed reimbursement to providers of chiropractic manipulation under the Medicaid program. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Human Services shall increase to at least \$20 per service the allowed reimbursement to providers of Medicaid services that involves chiropractic manipulation effective October 1, 2000; and be it further

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

2000-01

**HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

All Other	\$123,885
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Provides funds for the state share of the increase in the reimbursement for chiropractic manipulation services under the Medicaid program.

; and be it further

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

2000-01

**HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

All Other	\$243,345
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Provides funds for the federal share of the increase in the reimbursement for chiropractic manipulation services under the Medicaid program.

speech and hearing centers by 18% over current Medicaid rates.

See title page for effective date.

; and be it further

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. Increase in reimbursement rates. Resolved:** That the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to increase the reimbursement rates for speech and hearing center services under the Medicaid program beginning November 1, 1999. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A; and be it further

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

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers</b>		
All Other	\$35,100	\$36,300
Provides for the appropriation of funds for the state share of the costs of increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for speech and hearing centers by 18% over current Medicaid rates.		

; and be it further

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

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers</b>		
All Other	\$68,900	\$71,200
Provides for the allocation of funds for the federal share of the costs of increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for		

**CHAPTER 77**

**H.P. 1593 - L.D. 2241**

**Resolve, to Modify the State Valuation for the City of Westbrook and the Town of Livermore Falls for Purposes of Education Funding**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the value of property within a municipality has a strong effect on the calculation of school appropriations; and

**Whereas,** the City of Westbrook derives a large portion of its tax valuation from the presence of the former S.D. Warren plant, now owned by Sappi Fine Paper North America; and

**Whereas,** Sappi Fine Paper North America has recently announced the closure of its pulp mill and a machine that makes coated base paper at the facility in the City of Westbrook; and

**Whereas,** not only will this closure adversely affect approximately 315 employees, but also the property valuation of the plant has decreased immensely, causing a decrease in property tax revenues for the City of Westbrook; and

**Whereas,** unless immediate action is taken to account for this decrease in valuation, the City of Westbrook will also suffer through the loss of significant revenues based on the decreased valuation of the Sappi Fine Paper North America plant; and

**Whereas,** the Town of Livermore Falls derives a large portion of its tax valuation from the presence of the property of Northeast Empire Limited Partnership; and

**Whereas,** the Town of Livermore Falls has granted an abatement to Northeast Empire Limited Partnership that results in a substantial loss in tax base for the 1999 tax year; and

**Whereas,** this situation results in a significant and unanticipated burden on the property taxpayers in the Town of Livermore Falls, especially with regard to education funding; and