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STATE OF MAINE

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**CHAPTER 506
S.P. 655 - L.D. 1617**

**An Act Regarding the
Long-term Care Ombudsman
Program**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5107-A, as amended by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. B, §9 and affected by §25, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The ombudsman may provide advocacy during the hospital discharge process to assist patients with complex medical needs who experience significant barriers in accessing long-term services and supports. If the ombudsman provides advocacy, the ombudsman shall ensure that the patient has information regarding available options including, but not limited to: home and community-based services provided under MaineCare or funded by the State; admission to a residential care facility as defined in section 7852, subsection 14 and licensed according to section 7801; admission to a nursing facility licensed according to section 1817; and admission to an assisted living facility or program licensed pursuant to chapter 1663 or 1664. The ombudsman also may provide assistance to the patient after discharge from the hospital.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140

Initiative: Provides funds to contract for 2 additional positions in the long-term care ombudsman program to provide information on options and assist patients with complex medical needs with overcoming barriers to admission in a residential care facility, nursing facility or assisted living facility or program and provide services to facilities subsequent to placement of patients with complex medical needs.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$150,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$150,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 507
H.P. 1057 - L.D. 1552**

**An Act To Reduce Morbidity
and Mortality Related to
Injected Drugs**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1341, sub-§§1 and 2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 346, Pt. A, §1, are further amended to read:

1. Certification of programs. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention may certify hypodermic apparatus exchange programs that meet the requirements established by rule under subsection 2, paragraphs A to D.

A. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention may not limit the number of hypodermic apparatuses provided by the programs to participants.

B. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention may not limit the number of hypodermic apparatuses that participants served by the programs may legally possess, transport or exchange.

2. Rules. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act establishing requirements for hypodermic apparatus exchange programs and for program certification requirements. The rules must include but are not limited to:

A. Procedures for the safe disposal of hypodermic apparatuses;

B. Tracking the number of hypodermic apparatuses distributed and collected;

C. Drug abuse prevention and treatment education; ~~and~~

~~Measures to discourage the utilization of~~ Distribution of educational material regarding the dangers associated with the use of used hypodermic apparatuses;

Application procedures for a certified hypodermic apparatus exchange program to apply for funds to operate the program including the purchase and disposal of hypodermic needles;

Criteria for the award of funds to certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs;

Oversight of certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs;

Renewal every 5 years of department certification of hypodermic apparatus exchange programs;