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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Reimbursement rates. The Department of Health and Human Services shall increase the MaineCare program reimbursement rates for wheelchair van services on an ongoing basis beginning in fiscal year 2006-07.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds to increase the reimbursement rates for wheelchair van services under the MaineCare program to cover losses the providers are incurring.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$0	\$445,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$445,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$0	\$763,582
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$763,582

SUMMARY

This amendment retains the provisions of the bill that direct the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the reimbursement rates for wheelchair van services. It adds language expressing the intent that this funding increase be provided on an ongoing basis. It decreases the appropriation to \$445,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 and adds an allocation of federal matching funds.