



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1498

LR 2454(03)

An Act To Clarify Medicaid Ombudsman Services

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-620)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

Contigent current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
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Contigent current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to contract for certain ombudsman services for the Medicaid program. The bill stipulates this will only occur if non-state funding is available. Currently, it is not anticipated that non-state funds would be made available now or in the near future. In addition, DHHS, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, has indicated that the non-state funds that were utilized in the past to obtain the federal medicaid grant funds for this contract are not suitable for consideration as matching funds. If the intent is to obtain federal dollars for this program the State will need to provide matching seed money.