

128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Fully Fund the Waiting List for the Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder Waiver

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Rep. Malaby of Hancock Committee: Health and Human Services Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$35,785,000	\$47,710,000	\$47,710,000	\$47,530,000
Appropriations/Allocations General Fund	\$35,785,000	\$47,710,000	\$47,710,000	\$47,530,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$35,785,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$47,710,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to fully fund the waiting list for community-based services provided under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 21 relating to home and community benefits for members with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder.

A more current estimate that includes a new position, an updated waitlist total and a suggested phase-in of the waitlist members to the program would decrease the FY 2017-18 General Fund appropriation by \$27,947,951 to \$7,837,049 and the FY 2018-19 General Fund appropriation by \$15,335,059 to \$32,374,941. This new estimate also includes Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Fund allocations.