



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Amend Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities and for Residential Care Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$26,448	\$28,862	\$28,862	\$28,862
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$26,448	\$28,862	\$28,862	\$28,862
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$57,401	\$62,609	\$62,609	\$62,609
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,352	\$5,839	\$5,839	\$5,839
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$57,401	\$62,609	\$62,609	\$62,609
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,352	\$5,839	\$5,839	\$5,839

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$26,448 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$28,862 in fiscal year 2018-19 for nursing facilities to increase the cap on the cost of a Medical Director from \$10,000 to \$22,000. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the increased nursing facilities tax.

This bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to permit capital expenditures by residential care facilities (RCF) that are less than \$500,000 without prior approval and to provide an extraordinary circumstance allowance in permitted reimbursement to RCF's. Costs incurred by an RCF to comply with federal or state laws, regulations and rules shall be considered reasonable and necessary costs. These additional changes to the Residential Care Facilities will increase costs that will largely be necessitated by decisions of the RCFs that cannot be projected by the department. Since new construction, acquisitions, and renovations apply to room and board and not direct care, which cannot be reimbursed with federal funds per 42 CFR 440.182, it is also expected that these costs would be reimbursed entirely by the General Fund.