



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1062

LR 1599(02)

An Act To Support Maine Families by Providing for Transportation of Parents and Guardians of MaineCare Recipients under 18 Years of Age to Their Appointments

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Contingent current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide nonemergency medical transportation for a parent or guardian of a MaineCare member under 18 years of age to and from a residential care facility when the member is an inpatient at a residential care facility and no other means of transportation is available to the parent or guardian, so long as this transportation is eligible for federal matching funds. The bill also requires the DHHS to apply for any necessary Medicaid waivers or submit any state plan amendments (SPA) to receive federal matching Medicaid funds for transportation of parents or guardians, as outlined above. These trips will be contingent upon a waiver or SPA approval by the federal government, as these trips are currently not eligible in the MaineCare program. As it is not known how many trips a parent or guardian would make without the child in the car, no estimate of this contingent impact is made at this time.