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 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Richard W. Rosen, Senate Chair
 Rep. Patrick S. A. Flood, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Sen. Earle L. McCormick, Senate Chair *Em*
 Rep. Meredith N. Strang Burgess, House Chair *MSB*
 Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

Date: April 5, 2012

Re: Additional recommendations from the Health and Human Services Committee regarding LD 1903, An Act To Make Additional Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013

The Health and Human Services Committee is pleased to provide additional recommendations on LD 1903, the second supplemental budget. The HHS Committee has forwarded to you its recommendations on LD 1903 and its priorities for 5 HHS Committee bills that are either now on the Appropriations Table or that are expected to be there. Of the 5 bills, 3 produce considerable savings (\$1,580,022 in savings from LD 1628 on payment for residents of state institutions; LD 1840 on methadone treatment clinic services; and LD 1887 restructuring DHHS), 2 require some spending (\$463,682 in spending from LD 1884 on the Fund for a Healthy Maine; LD 1888 on prosecution of fraud), and the net is still considerable savings (\$1.1 million).

From the net savings of the 5 HHS bills, we recommend that the AFA Committee consider spending the savings on 2 issues that are not included in LD 1903:

- **MaineCare Section 21 and Section 29 services**
 626 persons with intellectual disabilities are waiting for MaineCare waiver services under Section 21. Of these 626 persons, 213 have been assessed by DHHS as needing adult protective services, giving them priority 1 status. 352 persons with intellectual

disabilities are waiting for MaineCare waiver services under Section 29. Committee members are very concerned about the growing waiting lists and the risks to the persons who are waiting for services. Serving all persons on the Section 21 waiting list will cost \$23,209,075 to the General Fund. Serving only the priority 1 persons will cost \$7,897,017. Serving all persons on the Section 29 waiting list will cost \$2,809,830 to the General Fund. Any new funding will help to decrease the waiting lists.

- **Adult family care services**

Supplemental budget #2, Public Law 2011, chapter 477, reduced MaineCare rates to adult family care homes by 10%, producing General Fund savings of \$4,081 in FY12 and \$22,007 in FY13. Committee members have heard from providers of adult family care services that this 10% rate cut will reduce reimbursement by \$1,642 per resident per year in the 23 homes across the state. The rate cut may lead to the closure of some homes and force residents to find new homes and new service providers. Committee members are very concerned about the potential impact on the residents of the adult family care homes.

Committee members are prepared to discuss these additional recommendations with you. Thank you for your consideration.

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