

Commission to Continue the Study of Long-term Care Facilities  
Possible recommendations

1. Reimbursement system – Recommendations of the Reimbursement Subcommittee (attached).
2. Asset recovery – see attached suggestions from Stephen Moses reports.
3. Certificate of Need process – possible addition to the CON process = assess impact on (need in) the community the nursing care facility is moving from. (attached)
4. Critical access-type NF – support or require DHHS to develop a CA-NF in cooperation with CMS similar to remote island reimbursement.

**DHHS shall work with CMS to develop a new category of nursing facility that is considered a “critical access” facility (probably needs a different name?) similar to the remote island nursing facility.** Criteria must include: a limit on the number of licensed nursing facility beds; not be physically located within a hospital; must not have any licensed residential care beds; must have a MaineCare utilization of XX% (95% for remote island); be located in an area underserved by nursing facilities; and be considered critical to the well-being of the population that it serves. DHHS shall look at other states with a similar population to Maine in terms of its rural nature and income levels. DHHS shall develop a reimbursement rate that applies to nursing facilities defined under the new category that ensures the facility’s continued existence (?? Supplemental payment; full-cost reimbursement??)

5. Continuum of care – support recommending Blue Ribbon Commission again, supporting Speaker Eves’ work with Roundtables, supporting Homemaker program funding (ISPA or 1915 waiver).
6. We need to have a plan; hit the “restart” button; how should we build it. Adopt a State Plan for long-term care. (Jim Martin will present new DHHS projection model at Oct 28 meeting.)
7. Increase reimbursement for Adult Day Services at nursing facilities (Rep. Malaby’s bill, LD 62)? (Amendment and f/n for LD 62 and LD 1719 attached.)
8. A recommendation regarding dementia?  
(the last LTC’s commission on dementia was not enacted in the rule; may be a recommendation after the presentation from the Muskie school folks)