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**Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities** 

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield. Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, O'NEIL of Saco, ROBERTS of South Berwick. 1 Sec. 1. Personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities. 2 Resolved: That, by January 1, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services shall 3 amend the rules for the MaineCare program to increase the personal needs allowance for 4 persons residing in nursing facilities. The rules must provide for an increase in the personal 5 needs allowance from \$40 per month to \$70 per month. Rules adopted pursuant to this 6 section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 7 375, subchapter 2-A.

8 Sec. 2. Personal needs allowance for residents of residential care facilities. 9 Resolved: That, by January 1, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services shall 10 amend the rules for the MaineCare program to increase the personal needs allowance for 11 persons residing in residential care facilities. The rules must provide for an increase in the 12 personal needs allowance from \$70 per month to \$100 per month. Rules adopted pursuant 13 to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, 14 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY
This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its
MaineCare rules to provide for increases in the personal needs allowances of residents in
nursing facilities and residential care facilities. The rules are designated as routine
technical rules.

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