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S.P. 138

In Senate, January 29, 2019

**Resolve, To Ensure the Health and Wellness of Older Residents of  
the State**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and  
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington,  
Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

1           **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to seek waiver.**  
 2           **Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a request to  
 3 the United States Department of Agriculture to waive the requirements for an asset test  
 4 for determining the eligibility of any household under the federal supplemental nutrition  
 5 assistance program when the household includes an individual who is 60 years of age or  
 6 older.

7           **Sec. 2. Home-delivered meals pilot project. Resolved:** That, no later than  
 8 January 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit an  
 9 application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for  
 10 Medicare and Medicaid Services to request a demonstration waiver under the federal  
 11 Social Security Act, Section 1115 to develop a 2-year pilot project pursuant to the Maine  
 12 Revised Statutes, Title 22-A, section 203, subsection 5 to provide home-delivered meals  
 13 to individuals who are 60 years of age or older and who are homebound or at risk for  
 14 readmission to a health care facility. The program under the waiver is limited to  
 15 individuals being released from a health care facility at high risk of readmission and have  
 16 received a doctor's recommendation that medically tailored food and nutrition  
 17 interventions are necessary for the patient's health. Patients being offered medically  
 18 tailored food and nutrition interventions may receive one meal per day for up to 14 days.  
 19 The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report no later than July 1,  
 20 2022 on the results of the pilot project, including, but not limited to, the number of  
 21 individuals served by the pilot project; the number of home-delivered meals provided;  
 22 health care facility readmission rates of those served; and recommendations for  
 23 continuing the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
 24 jurisdiction over health and human services matters at the conclusion of the pilot project.

25           **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
 26 appropriations and allocations are made.

27           **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 28           **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

29           Initiative: Provides funds for reimbursement for 2 weeks of medically tailored food and  
 30 nutrition interventions for certain individuals at high risk of readmission to a health care  
 31 facility.

32	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
33	All Other	\$20,365	\$27,153
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35	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,365</u>	<u>\$27,153</u>

36	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
37	All Other	\$36,744	\$48,992
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