

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

H.P. 444 - L.D. 705

An Act to Correct Technical Errors in Public Law 2025, Chapter 650

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5124-C, sub-§1-B, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §5, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) For single individuals and married persons filing separate returns, \$12,000
\$15,000;

Sec. 2. PL 2025, c. 650, Part N, section 8 is amended to read:

Sec. N-8. Application. This Act Part applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Sec. 3. PL 2025, c. 650, Part FF, section 4 is amended to read:

Sec. FF-4. Cost-of-living adjustment for essential support workers; MaineCare rates. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a request to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 3.07% for reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Sections 13, 65 and 92 and rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 40, 67, 96 and 97 Appendix C effective January 1, 2027 and for reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97 Appendix B and Section 97 Appendix D effective July 1, 2026. The department shall submit the request required to seek approval under this section to implement the cost-of-living adjustment as soon as practicable.

Sec. 4. Transfer from MaineCare Stabilization Fund; General Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,653,131 from the MaineCare Stabilization Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Health and Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Sec. 5. Funds to address unmet needs of older adults; distribution to area agencies on aging. Funds appropriated in the amount of \$3,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part A, section 17 to address unmet needs of older adults through community-based services and programs delivered by the area agency in each of the State's coordinated community program areas must be distributed to the area agencies, based on priorities identified by local advisory councils to meet regional needs, through the intrastate funding formula to develop programs and deliver services necessary for the general well-being of older adults, including, but not limited to, in-home services, case management services, meals programs, wellness services, respite for caregivers, public education and outreach, volunteer services and information and referral services.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Early Childhood Nutrition Grant Program N583

Initiative: Provides ongoing, nonlapsing funding for a grant program to allow school administrative units to enter into agreements with providers of off-site public preschool programs to provide students in those programs with breakfast, lunch and a snack.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$375,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$375,000

Early Childhood Nutrition Grant Program N583

Initiative: Deappropriates one-time, nonlapsing funding for a grant program to allow school administrative units to enter into agreements with providers of off-site public preschool programs to provide students in those programs with breakfast, lunch and a snack.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	(\$375,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$375,000)

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a cost-of-living adjustment for direct care services subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 28.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
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All Other	\$0	\$841,377
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$841,377</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$1,235,634
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,235,634</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$122,894
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$122,894</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a cost-of-living adjustment for direct care services subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97 Appendix B and Section 97 Appendix D.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$1,598,732
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,598,732</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$36,304
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$36,304</u>

Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a cost-of-living adjustment for direct care services subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97 Appendix B and Section 97 Appendix D.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$811,754
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$811,754</u>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,653,131
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$2,834,366
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$159,198

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,646,695</u>
HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE		
Low-income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA 0708		
Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for low-income electric ratepayer assistance.		
GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$7,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>
Low-income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA 0708		
Initiative: Deappropriates one-time funding for low-income electric ratepayer assistance.		
GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	(\$7,500,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$7,500,000)</u>
HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
SECTION TOTALS		
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,653,131
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$2,834,366
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$159,198
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,646,695</u>