

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

—  
H.P. 551 - L.D. 865

**An Act to Require MaineCare to Reimburse for Lactation Services in the Homes of Eligible Persons**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-PPP** is enacted to read:

**§3174-PPP. Reimbursement for lactation services**

**1. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "lactation services" means educational or consultation services related to breastfeeding.

**2. Reimbursement.** The department shall provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for lactation services provided in a hospital, clinic, office, community or in the home for a child eligible for coverage under the MaineCare program or the Children's Health Insurance Program established in section 3174-T. Lactation services may be provided by a health care professional licensed under Title 32 acting within the health care professional's authorized scope of practice or by a consultant or counselor who is certified by a national organization that provides a national certification program in lactation consulting or lactation counseling and is approved by the department.

**3. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. State plan amendment.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a state plan amendment to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-PPP. The state plan amendment application must allow for Medicaid reimbursement for lactation services provided at the hospital or at the home of eligible persons that are performed by lactation consultants certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners or its successor organization acting within the scope of practice.

**Sec. 3. Rulemaking.** Upon approval of a state plan amendment under section 2, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt or amend rules to allow for

reimbursement required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-PPP.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for MaineCare reimbursement for lactation services provided in the home.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$12,257
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,257</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$19,942
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,942</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$546
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$546</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for MaineCare technology costs and development of rate methodology and payment model to implement MaineCare coverage of lactation services provided in the home.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$91,993
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$91,993</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$178,901
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$178,901</b>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$104,250</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$198,843</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$546</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$303,639</b>