

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 263 - L.D. 430

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings

Sec. 1. Department to promote translation and interpretation services in health care settings. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's office of population health equity shall partner with hospitals and health care provider associations to gather information regarding translation and interpretation services and translation of discharge instructions and medication instructions available in hospitals; primary care provider settings; federally qualified health centers; rural health centers; United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service centers; migrant health programs; and other provider settings across the State. The department shall create and deliver a public information campaign designed to promote the availability of these services, with particular focus on individuals who use a primary language other than English, including deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

Sec. 2. Report by department. Resolved: That, by February 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report on its progress toward implementing the requirements of section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a public information campaign to promote translation and interpretation services in health care settings.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,000