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Resolve, To Ensure That Access to Oral and Facial Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Maine Remains Viable

(EMERGENCY)

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, WHITE of Mars Hill.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 3 Whereas, ambulatory surgical centers provide cost-effective, high-quality health 4 care; and 5 Whereas, only one freestanding ambulatory surgical center in Maine deals with facial and oral surgery; and 6 Whereas, the current MaineCare reimbursement rate is inadequate to cover such 8 procedures; and 9 Whereas, without an increase in the reimbursement rate, the center will stop accepting 10 MaineCare patients; and 11 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 13 therefore, be it 14 15 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare rate for certain dental procedures performed by freestanding ambulatory 16 surgical centers. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall 17 amend its reimbursement rate under the MaineCare program for dental code 41899 to 18 19 \$1,250 per procedure for freestanding ambulatory surgical centers performing procedures on the dentoalveolar structure. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical 20 21 rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. 22 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved. 23 **SUMMARY** 24 25 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its 26 reimbursement rate under the MaineCare program for dental code 41899 to \$1,250 for freestanding ambulatory surgical centers performing procedures on the dentoalveolar 27 28 structure.