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An Act To Sustain Emergency Medical Services throughout the State

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-JJ, as reallocated by RR 2005, c. 1, §6, is amended to read:

§ 3174-JJ. MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services

The department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services ~~or at the highest percent of that level that is possible within resources appropriated for those purposes.~~

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services to Medicare reimbursement rate levels.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$1,203,142	\$1,211,175
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$1,203,142	\$1,211,175
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$1,946,857	\$1,938,825
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$1,946,857	\$1,938,825

SUMMARY

This bill increases MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services to Medicare reimbursement rate levels and provides an appropriation and allocation for the increased costs to the MaineCare program.