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Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1 Reimbursement. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules to increase reimbursement rates for home-based and community-based services in accordance with this section. The department shall raise the hourly reimbursement rate by 66% for the following services:

1. Attendant Care Services provided under the provisions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 12, Consumer Directed Attendant Services;

2. Attendant Care Services; Personal Care Services; Respite Care in the home by Certified Nurses Aide, Home Health Aide, attendant or personal support specialist; Certified Nurses Aide - Home Health Services; and Home Health Aide - Home Health Services provided under the provisions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 19, Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and for Adults with Disabilities;

3. Home Health Aides/Certified Nurses Assistant Services and Personal Support Services provided under the provisions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services;

4. Personal Assistance Services provided under the provisions of Chapter 14-197, Office of Aging and Disability Services, Chapter 11, Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services; and

5. Personal Care Services; Home Health Services; and Respite provided under the provisions of Chapter 10-149, Office of Elder Services Policy Manual, Chapter 5, Section 63, In-Home and Community Support Services for Elderly and Other Adults; and be it further

Sec. 2 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Consumer-directed Services Z043

Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-home and community support direct-care services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$624,191	\$832,254
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$624,191	\$832,254

Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare 0987

Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-home and community support direct-care services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$1,696,422	\$2,261,896
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,696,422	\$2,261,896

Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z006

Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-home and community support direct-care services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$2,260,785	\$3,014,378
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,260,785	\$3,014,378

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-home and community support direct-care services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$3,199,145	\$4,265,526
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,199,145	\$4,265,526

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-home and community support direct-care services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$5,018,226	\$6,690,969
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,018,226	\$6,690,969

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$15,068,052	\$20,090,734

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$15,068,052	\$20,090,734
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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT
OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$12,798,769	\$17,065,023
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$15,068,052	\$20,090,734
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$27,866,821	\$37,155,757

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires a 66% increase in the reimbursement rate for certain services, which is roughly equivalent to the increased reimbursement rate of \$25 in the resolve, and specifies the services for which the increased reimbursement would apply. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)