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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities to remove the requirement that cost-of-living adjustments received by nursing facilities must be applied to the wages and benefits of front line employees.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Provides funding in the Nursing Facilities program to provide an annual cost-of-living adjustment required by Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$3,211,505
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$3,211,505

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$6,834,467
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,834,467

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$641,232
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$641,232

SUMMARY

This amendment adjusts the funding amounts in the bill to reflect more accurate estimates. It also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities to remove the requirement that cost-of-living adjustments received by nursing facilities must be applied to the wages and benefits of front line employees.