



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Curry of Waldo

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$7,300,000	\$7,300,000	\$7,300,000	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$10,000,000)	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes a temporary change to the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 5, Ambulance Services, so that effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 MaineCare Ambulance Services codes with Medicare equivalents are reimbursed at 140% of the current published Medicare rates. This bill includes a one-time transfer, on or before June 30, 2026, of \$15,000,000 from the Department of Public Safety, EMS Stabilization and Sustainability program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the DHHS, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund this temporary rate increase.

The bill also includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds deallocation to the Department of Public Safety of \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the DHHS, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program, Other Special Revenue Funds account of \$5,000,000 in each of 3 years. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.

A more current estimate would increase the state funds required for temporary rate increase from \$5,000,000 each year to \$5,857,300 in fiscal year 2025-26, \$6,854,015 in fiscal year 2026-27 and \$7,872,666 in fiscal year 2027-28.