

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 843****LR 1701(02)****An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326.

The bill requires that on November 1, 2025 and on June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$300,000 from available balances in the Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General.

Any additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General associated with receiving the report from the consumer assistance program and preparing a report for the Legislature are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.