

## 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 234

H.P. 197

House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and

Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, WOODSOME of York.

- Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare rates. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15 to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than 70% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2019.
- **Sec. 2. Rate study. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding section 1, if the Department of Health and Human Services conducts a rate study of chiropractic services for manipulative treatments, the department may adopt new rates for manipulative treatments that are recommended by the rate study by amending its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15.
- **Sec. 3. Routine technical rules. Resolved:** That rules adopted pursuant to section 1 or 2 are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
- **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

## **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15 to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than 70% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2019.

26	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
27	All Other	\$25,955	\$51,909
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29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,955	\$51,909
30	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
31	All Other	\$46,829	\$93,658
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33	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$46,829	\$93,658

34 SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, by January 1, 2020, to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15

- to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than 70% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2019. If the department conducts a rate study of chiropractic services for manipulative treatments, the department may adopt new rates.
- 6 The rules adopted are routine technical rules.