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H.P. 265

House of Representatives, February 12, 2013

**An Act To Restore MaineCare Coverage for Ambulatory Surgical  
Center Services**

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and  
Representatives: PRINGLE of Windham, SANBORN of Gorham.

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** the elimination of MaineCare coverage for ambulatory surgical center  
4 services in Public Law 2011, chapter 657 has resulted in a shift of services to more  
5 expensive inpatient settings; and

6           **Whereas,** the elimination of MaineCare coverage for ambulatory surgical center  
7 services in Public Law 2011, chapter 657 has resulted in access problems for MaineCare  
8 beneficiaries, particularly in the medical specialties of orthopedics, ophthalmology and  
9 gastroenterology; and

10           **Whereas,** an immediate restoration of MaineCare coverage for ambulatory surgical  
11 center services will address the access problems and will reduce costs in the MaineCare  
12 program; and

13           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
14 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
15 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
16 therefore,

17           **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

18           **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
19 allocations are made.

20           **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

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

22           Initiative: Appropriates funds to restore funding for MaineCare coverage for ambulatory  
23 surgical center services.

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25	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
26	All Other	\$77,697	\$93,274	\$93,274
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28	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$77,697</u>	<u>\$93,274</u>	<u>\$93,274</u>

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30	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
31	<b>FUND</b>			
32	All Other	\$133,839	\$148,619	\$148,619
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34	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	<u>\$133,839</u>	<u>\$148,619</u>	<u>\$148,619</u>
35	TOTAL			

36           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
37 legislation takes effect when approved.

**SUMMARY**

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This bill restores funding for MaineCare coverage for ambulatory surgical center services.