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House of Representatives, March 2, 2017

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Recalculate the MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Services for Persons with Disabilities

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HANDY of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RECKITT of South Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, WARREN of Hallowell. Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this resolve must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order for reimbursement rates for certain MaineCare services to be increased by June 1, 2017 as provided in the resolve; and

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

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare rates. Resolved: That, no later than June 1, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 13, Targeted Case Management Services; Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services; Section 21, Allowances for Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder; Section 28, Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations; Section 29, Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder; Section 65, Behavioral Health Services; and Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services to increase reimbursement rates to reflect the increase in the minimum wage pursuant to Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 2.

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

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This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services no later than June 1, 2017 to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 13, 17, 21, 28, 29, 65 and 97 to increase reimbursement rates to reflect the increase in minimum wage pursuant to Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 2.