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**Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for
MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and
Senators: KEIM of Oxford, STEWART of Aroostook.

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Sec. 1. Amendment of Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities rule. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, no later than January 1, 2024 as follows.

1. The costs of health insurance for those personnel currently included in the direct care cost component in section 16.1.7(3) must be removed from the direct care cost component and included in the fixed costs component in section 18.

2. The costs of health insurance for those personnel currently included in the routine cost component in section 17.4.1(o)(3) must be removed from the routine cost component and included in the fixed costs component in section 18.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, no later than January 1, 2024 to move health insurance costs for personnel from direct care and routine cost components to fixed costs components.