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In Senate, March 24, 2015

**An Act To Preserve MaineCare Assisted Living by Providing a
Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and
Adult Family Care Homes**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea and
Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, ROSEN
of Hancock, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GILBERT of Jay,
MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

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

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

6 Initiative: Provides funds for a 4% cost-of-living rate increase for adult family care
7 homes that are providing service pursuant to Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,
8 Chapter II, Section 2.

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10	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
11	All Other	\$80,000	\$164,444
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$164,444</u>

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15	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
16	All Other	\$128,889	\$263,333
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18	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$128,889</u>	<u>\$263,333</u>

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

20 Initiative: Provides funds for a 4% cost-of-living rate increase for MaineCare Appendix
21 C private nonmedical institutions.

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23	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
24	All Other	\$1,445,000	\$2,962,000
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26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,445,000</u>	<u>\$2,962,000</u>

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28	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
29	All Other	\$2,312,000	\$4,740,000
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31	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,312,000</u>	<u>\$4,740,000</u>

32 **PNMI Room and Board Z009**

33 Initiative: Provides funds for a 4% cost-of-living rate increase for MaineCare Appendix
34 C private nonmedical institutions.

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1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$630,000	\$1,292,000
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$630,000</u>	<u>\$1,292,000</u>

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

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7	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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9	GENERAL FUND	\$2,147,000	\$4,402,000
10	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$2,428,000	\$4,977,000
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12	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$4,575,000</u>	<u>\$9,379,000</u>

13 **Sec. 2. Annual cost-of-living adjustment.** The Department of Health and
14 Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,
15 Chapter III, Section 2, Adult Family Care Services; Chapter III, Section 2, Section 97,
16 Appendix C: Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities;
17 and Chapter 115, Principles of Reimbursement for Residential Care Facilities - Room and
18 Board Costs, to provide for ongoing, annual rate changes beginning July 1, 2015 to adjust
19 for inflation. For each of the state fiscal years ending July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017, the
20 amount of the adjustment is 4%. For each year thereafter, the department shall set the
21 inflation adjustment cost-of-living percentage change in reimbursement each year in
22 accordance with the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
23 Consumer Price Index medical care services index.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill provides funds to give adult family care homes and Appendix C private
26 nonmedical institutions a 4% cost-of-living rate increase in funding in each of the next 2
27 fiscal years. Annual cost-of-living adjustments are provided by rule for each fiscal year
28 thereafter in accordance with the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
29 Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care services index.