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In Senate, January 6, 2016

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

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 POULIOT of Augusta and
Senator: ALFOND of Cumberland, Representatives: BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle,
FREDETTE of Newport, HAMANN of South Portland, MAKER of Calais, McCABE of
Skowhegan, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Annual cost-of-living adjustment.** The Department of Health and
3 Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,
4 Chapter III, Section 2, Adult Family Care Services and Chapter III, Section 97, Appendix
5 C: Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities and in the
6 department's Chapter 115: Principles of Reimbursement for Residential Care Facilities -
7 Room and Board Costs to provide for ongoing, annual rate changes beginning July 1,
8 2016 to adjust for inflation. For the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the amount of
9 the adjustment is 4%. For each year thereafter, the department shall set the inflation
10 adjustment cost-of-living percentage change in reimbursement in accordance with the
11 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index
12 medical care services index.

13 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

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

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

17 Initiative: Provides funds for a 4% cost-of-living rate increase for residential care
18 facilities and MaineCare Appendix C private nonmedical institutions.

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20	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
21	All Other	\$0	\$1,558,714
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23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,558,714</u>

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25	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
26	All Other	\$0	\$3,076,672
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28	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,076,672</u>

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30	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
31	All Other	\$0	\$258,918
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33	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$258,918</u>

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

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

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1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$0	\$84,444
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$84,444</u>

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6	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
7	All Other	\$0	\$134,444
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9	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$134,444</u>

10 **PNMI Room and Board Z009**

11 Initiative: Provides funds for a 4% cost-of-living rate increase for residential care
 12 facilities and MaineCare Appendix C private nonmedical institutions.

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14	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
15	All Other	\$0	\$484,052
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17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$484,052</u>

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19	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
20	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
21	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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23	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$2,127,210
24	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$3,211,116
25	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$258,918
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27	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,597,244</u>

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill provides funds to give adult family care homes, residential care facilities and
 30 Appendix C private nonmedical institutions a 4% cost-of-living rate increase in funding
 31 in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016. Annual cost-of-living adjustments are to be
 32 provided by rule for each fiscal year thereafter in accordance with the United States
 33 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care
 34 services index.