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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 231, L.D. 331, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports”

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

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

**Whereas,** Maine hospitals are currently experiencing extreme financial pressures, exacerbated by the MaineCare funding shortfall; and

**Whereas,** certain MaineCare reimbursements to hospitals are made years after service is delivered; and

**Whereas,** accelerating MaineCare reimbursements to hospitals before the expiration of the 90-day period will help to alleviate the acute financial strain on the health care system in this State; 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'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

#### Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Provides funding to establish one Staff Auditor II position to review and verify hospital cost reports and prepare payments for settlement. The initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
3	Personal Services	\$42,758	\$44,776
4	All Other	\$2,902	\$2,902
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,660	\$47,678
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8	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
9	Personal Services	\$64,136	\$67,164
10	All Other	\$6,033	\$6,107
11			
12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$70,169	\$73,271
13	<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147</b>		
14	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to accelerate the payment of MaineCare		
15	reimbursements currently due to hospitals.		
16	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
17	All Other	\$51,000,000	\$0
18			
19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$51,000,000	\$0
20	<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147</b>		
21	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to transition to MaineCare reimbursement of at least		
22	75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to a hospital's cost reports within 90 days of receipt.		
23	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
24	All Other	\$23,860,357	\$0
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26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,860,357	\$0
27			
28	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
29	All Other	\$59,486,943	\$0
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31	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$59,486,943	\$0
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33	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
34	All Other	\$1,053,730	\$0
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36	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,053,730	\$0
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38	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
39	<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
40	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
41			
42	GENERAL FUND	\$74,906,017	\$47,678

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$59,486,943</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$70,169</b>	<b>\$73,271</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$1,053,730</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$135,516,859</b>	<b>\$120,949</b>

Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

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

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

### SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause, removes the language requiring that the Department of Health and Human Services implement the resolve's requirements within existing resources and adds an appropriations and allocations section providing state funds and associated federal matching funds to accelerate reimbursements currently owed to hospitals by the MaineCare program.

### FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)