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128TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 478, L.D. 687, Bill, “An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathology Services”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathology Services'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109 to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology services provided by an agency to no less than 69% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2017; and be it further

Sec. 2. Independent rates. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109 to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology services provided by an independent speech-language pathologist to 90% of the agency rate established in section 1 as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2017; and be it further

Sec. 3. Speech-language pathology assistant agency rates. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109 to reimburse services provided by an agency speech-language pathology assistant for treatment within a group of 2 or more individuals at 69% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for the same service provided by a speech-language pathologist; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 providing individual therapy do not change from the rate reimbursed as of January 1,
2 2017. Independent speech-language pathology assistant reimbursement rates are set at
3 90% of the agency rates for assistants. The amendment also adds an appropriations and
4 allocations section.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 **(See attached)**