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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1132, L.D. 1528, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Certain Home-based Services”

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement rates for home-based services. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services shall increase the hourly reimbursement rates for home-based services:

- 1. By 25% for registered nurse and licensed practical nurse services provided under the waiver services provisions of rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 19;
- 2. By 25% for registered nurse, licensed practical nurse and independent registered nurse services provided under the provisions of rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 96; and
- 3. By 25% for registered nurse, licensed practical nurse and independent registered nurse services provided under the provisions of rule Chapter 5: Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Section 63.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply an annual cost-of-living increase in accordance with the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for each rate in this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to index reimbursement rates for certain home-based services. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services shall index the reimbursement rates for home-based services provided under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 40 to the low-utilization payment adjustment rate in accordance with 42

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 484.230. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
 2 major substantive rules as required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-W
 3 and defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

4 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
 5 appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

7 **Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

8 Initiative: Provides funding to increase rates to certain services.

9	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
10	All Other	\$2,519,985	\$5,150,849
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12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,519,985</u>	<u>\$5,150,849</u>

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

14 Initiative: Provides funding to increase rates to certain services.

15	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
16	All Other	\$1,790,243	\$3,985,156
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,790,243</u>	<u>\$3,985,156</u>

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20	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
21	All Other	\$3,524,940	\$7,768,715
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23	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,524,940</u>	<u>\$7,768,715</u>

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25	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
26	All Other	\$146,491	\$324,381
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28	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$146,491</u>	<u>\$324,381</u>

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30	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2021-22	2022-23
31	All Other	\$29,043	\$63,896
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33	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$29,043</u>	<u>\$63,896</u>

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35	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
36	DEPARTMENT OF		
37	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
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39	GENERAL FUND	\$4,310,228	\$9,136,005
40	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$3,524,940	\$7,768,715
41	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$146,491	\$324,381

1	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$29,043	\$63,896
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3	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$8,010,702	\$17,292,997

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

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SUMMARY

8 This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment changes the increase in
9 reimbursement for registered nursing, licensed practical nursing and independent registered
10 nursing services from 39% in the resolve to 25%. It also adds an annual cost-of-living
11 adjustment to those rates. It adds rule-making language to the resolve. The amendment
12 also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)