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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 965, L.D. 2243, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Governing Certain Types of Behavioral and Mental Health Services and to Form a Stakeholder Group to Study Methods for Improving Those Services”

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

'Resolve, to Expedite and Improve Reimbursement to Certain Private Nonmedical Institutions'

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

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules concerning MaineCare reimbursement for certain private nonmedical institutions; timing. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Appendices E and F and amend, as necessary, any language within Chapter II, Section 97 and Chapter III, Section 97 that applies to those appendices to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of a private nonmedical institution's as-filed settlement pursuant to the facility's cost reports within 90 days of receipt by the department of the cost reports.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to increase awareness of rate adjustment opportunities. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall increase awareness of the rate adjustment application process for eligible private nonmedical institutions that receive reimbursement under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 97 and Chapter III, Section 97, Appendices E and F.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support rate adjustments to eligible private
2 nonmedical institutions.

3	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
4	All Other	\$0	\$741,849
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$741,849

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8	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
9	All Other	\$0	\$1,258,151
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11	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$1,258,151

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

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment changes the title of and removes from the resolve the provisions that
17 direct the Department of Health and Human Services to amend reimbursement rates for
18 private nonmedical institutions that receive reimbursement under the MaineCare Benefits
19 Manual in Chapter III, Section 97, Appendices E and F and Chapters II and III, Section 65.
20 It also removes the portion of the resolve that establishes a stakeholder group. It retains
21 the provision that requires timely reimbursement to those private nonmedical institutions
22 by the department. The amendment requires the department to increase awareness of the
23 rate adjustment application process that exists for those private nonmedical institutions and
24 provides \$2,000,000 for increased rate adjustments.

25 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
26 **(See attached)**