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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 591, L.D. 842, “Resolve, To Support Home Health Services”

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

Sec. 1. Reimbursement rate increase for home health services. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 40 to increase reimbursement rates for certain procedure codes at 15-minute units as follows:

- 1. G0154TD at \$33.46;
- 2. G0154TE at \$23.42;
- 3. G0156 at \$15.16;
- 4. G0152 at \$36.83;
- 5. G0152TF at \$25.79;
- 6. G0151 at \$36.58;
- 7. G0151TF at \$25.61;
- 8. G0153 at \$39.75;
- 9. G0153TF at \$27.83; and
- 10. G0155 at \$36.82.

; and be it further

Sec. 2. 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 funding to increase the reimbursement rates for home health services
 2 under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 40.

3	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
4	All Other	\$0	\$143,697
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$143,697</u>

7	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
8	All Other	\$0	\$261,312
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10	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$261,312</u>

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, replaces the resolve.
 14 The amendment increases most reimbursement rates by January 1, 2019 for home health
 15 services under the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101:
 16 MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 40 to 70% of the federal Medicare rates
 17 for these services. The rates for occupational therapy assistants, physical therapy
 18 assistants and speech and language assistants are increased by the same percentage
 19 increase as the respective specialists. The rates for clinical social work are increased by
 20 30% over current rates. The resolve requires an increase of 30% over current rates.

21 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

22 **(See attached)**