

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

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H.P. 1224 - L.D. 1778

**Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals**

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

**Whereas**, recent changes to the formula used by the Department of Health and Human Services for determining Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers of rehabilitation services have placed an undue and inequitable financial burden on the providers of these services; and

**Whereas**, it is imperative that this inequity be corrected as soon as possible; 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

**Sec. 1. Medicaid reimbursement rates. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.06 to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate provided to rehabilitation hospitals to \$15,161.43 per discharge, retroactive to July 1, 2017. This increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rate must be funded by reducing the hospital supplemental pool as described in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.07 by \$400,000 and have no net cost to the General Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds or the Federal Expenditures Fund.

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