

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

—
H.P. 292 - L.D. 401

**An Act To Require Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting
Placement in Nursing Facilities**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-AAA is enacted to read:

**§3174-AAA. Reimbursement for days awaiting placement; reimbursement for
hospitals other than critical access hospitals**

Beginning January 1, 2019, the department shall provide reimbursement to hospitals other than critical access hospitals for each day after the 10th day that a MaineCare-eligible individual is in the care of a hospital while awaiting placement in a nursing facility. The department shall reimburse hospitals prospectively at the statewide average rate per MaineCare member day for nursing facility services. The department shall compute the statewide average rate per MaineCare member day based on the simple average of the nursing facility rate per MaineCare member day for the applicable state fiscal year or years prorated for the hospital's fiscal year. Reimbursement for days awaiting placement pursuant to this section is limited to a maximum of \$500,000 of combined General Fund funds and federal funds for each year. For purposes of this section, "critical access hospital" has the same meaning as in section 7932, subsection 10.

This section is repealed December 31, 2023.

Sec. 2. MaineCare Benefits Manual. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the rules under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45, Hospital Services to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-AAA. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funds to provide reimbursement to hospitals other than critical access hospitals for each day after the 10th day that a MaineCare-eligible individual is in the care of a hospital while awaiting placement in a nursing facility.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$17,690
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$17,690</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$31,932
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$31,932</u>