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Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MALABY of Hancock. Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HYMANSON of York, PICKETT of Dixfield, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, VACHON of Scarborough. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase 2 MaineCare rates. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, 3 Chapter III, Section 18, Allowances for Home and Community Based Services for Adults 4 5 with Brain Injury, to increase rates for Home Support (Residential Habilitation) Level I to no less than \$8.63 per guarter hour. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine 6 technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7 8 2-A; and be it further

9 Sec. 2. Care coordination services units. Resolved: That, by January 1, 10 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 11 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 18, Home and Community-Based 12 Services for Adults with Brain Injury, to allow for 400 units of care coordination in each 13 year rather than limiting it to 200 units after one year. Rules adopted pursuant to this 14 section are routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 15 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further

16 Sec. 3. Department of Health and Human Services to explore telehealth 17 opportunities. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall 18 explore opportunities to provide additional reimbursable services using telehealth to 19 members currently receiving services under the brain injury waiver administered by the 20 department's office of aging and disability services, including care coordination services, 21 that could be provided by health care providers, including licensed medical personnel and 22 nonlicensed personnel.

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SUMMARY

24 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the rates for services provided to MaineCare members receiving Home Support (Residential 25 Habilitation) Level I under the brain injury waiver, rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits 26 Manual, Chapter III, Section 18, to no less than \$8.63 per quarter hour. It also allows up 27 to 400 units of care coordination each year rather than only in the first year of receiving 28 29 services under the waiver. The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to 30 explore opportunities to provide additional telehealth services, including care 31 coordination services, provided by both licensed medical personnel and nonlicensed 32 personnel.