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Resolve
123rd Legislature
Second Regular Session

Chapter 207
H.P. 1649 - L.D. 2287

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Major Substantive
MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Home and Community
Benefits for Members with Mental Retardation or Autistic Disorder, a
Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services**

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

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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 Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Major Substantive MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Mental Retardation or Autistic Disorder, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if provisions related to record keeping and retention of financial records are amended to indicate that complete documentation means clear written evidence of all transactions of the provider entities related to the delivery of services, including, but not limited to, daily census data, invoices, payroll records, copies of governmental filings, staff schedules, time cards and member service charge schedules, or any other records necessary to provide the Commissioner of Health and Human Services with the highest degree of confidence that such services have actually been provided.

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

Effective April 16, 2008.