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## **An Act To Increase Funding for Private Nonmedical Institutions**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

#### **Departmentwide 0664**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement rates to all providers of private nonmedical institution services by 5% beginning on October 1, 2007.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Unallocated	\$11,500,000	\$15,500,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,500,000	\$15,500,000

#### **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement rates to all providers of private nonmedical institution services by 5% beginning on October 1, 2007.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
All Other	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$11,500,000	\$15,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>	<b>\$29,500,000</b>

**Sec. 2. Transfer of funds; report required.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law, for fiscal years ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall transfer, by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor, funds appropriated to the unallocated line category in the Departmentwide program to support an increase in private nonmedical institution reimbursement to the appropriate All Other line category in the various MaineCare and non-MaineCare programs within the Department of Health and Human Services. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2007-08 and 2008-09. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall provide a report by September 15, 2007 and July 1, 2008 to the members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs that identifies the amount transferred by program.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement rates to all providers of private nonmedical institution services by 5% beginning on October 1, 2007. It also establishes a procedure for transferring funds out of the Departmentwide program to the appropriate MaineCare and non-MaineCare programs and includes a reporting requirement.