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House of Representatives, April 16, 2015

Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs

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

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Presented by Speaker EVES of North Berwick. Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and

 $Representatives: ESPLING\ of\ New\ Gloucester,\ GOODE\ of\ Bangor,\ McCREIGHT\ of$

Harpswell, McELWEE of Caribou, SAUCIER of Presque Isle.

Sec. 1. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall reimburse in-home and community support direct-care service providers based on a uniform rate-setting process that is consistent across types of care and services. The department shall increase reimbursement to providers to a minimum rate of \$25 per hour for providing personal care assistance services as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 7302. Of the increase in the rate to providers, at least 85% must be used for wages and employee benefits including health care, mileage reimbursement, training costs and other benefits. The provider shall provide the department with a quarterly report documenting the provider's compliance with this section; the report must be based upon actual, documented expenditures.

11 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement to providers of in-home and community support direct-care services to \$25 per hour of service. Of the increase in the rate to providers, at least 85% must be used for wages and employee benefits including health care, mileage reimbursement, training costs and other benefits.