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Resolve, To Give Direct Service Providers Hazard Pay and To Pay Additional COVID-19 Pandemic Costs

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ROBERT B. HUNT
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Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, STOVER of Boothbay.

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to request amendment to waiver to increase rates. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall request an amendment to the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services waiver using an Emergency Preparedness and Response, Appendix K from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase MaineCare rates under rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 18, Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Brain Injury; Section 20, Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Other Related Conditions; Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder; and Section 29, Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder and corresponding sections in Chapter III by 25% from January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021. All rates under these sections of MaineCare that were increased by 10% and in effect from March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 and approved using an Appendix K must be increased by 25% pursuant to this section except that rates for work support, employment specialist services and career planning under rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21 and Section 29 that were increased under Public Law 2019, chapter 616 and corresponding sections of Chapter II are excluded and home support services provided under these sections are increased to the level of a 25% increase over the rates paid in December 2020. Rates increased under this section are for the period from January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021.

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This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to request a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase the rates for direct service providers for adults with brain injuries, adults and others with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder and adults with other related conditions by 25% from January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021.