

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

H.P. 1085 - L.D. 1469

Resolve, To Provide Add-on Payments for Ambulance Services Reimbursed by the MaineCare Program and To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Physical Therapy under the MaineCare Program

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to apply Medicare add-ons to MaineCare rates for ambulance services. Resolved: That, no later than October 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 5, Ambulance Services, to provide additional add-on supplements for ambulance services that are equivalent to payments required under Medicare ambulance services under 42 United States Code, Section 1395m(l). The department shall use the same geographic zip codes applicable for rural, urban and super rural payments as established by 42 United States Code, Section 1395m(l) and related federal rules. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Cost-based reimbursement work group for ambulance services. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a work group to consider the feasibility and cost of implementing cost-based reimbursement for ambulance services provided to MaineCare members. The work group must include representatives of the Emergency Medical Services' Board within the Department of Public Safety, the Maine Ambulance Association and ambulance providers. The department shall submit a report, with recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2022. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the recommendations.

Sec. 3. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for physical therapy. Resolved: That, no later than October 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 85, Physical Therapy Services, to increase reimbursement rates for physical therapy services to no less than 57% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2021. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine

technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 5, Ambulance Services, to provide additional add-on supplements that are equivalent to payments required under Medicare ambulance services under 42 United States Code, Section 1395m(l).

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$243,828	\$327,814
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$243,828</u>	<u>\$327,814</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$477,856	\$634,432
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$477,856</u>	<u>\$634,432</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to set the reimbursement rates for physical therapy services under the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 85 at 57% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate as long as the rate is no lower than the rate in effect on January 1, 2021.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$400,951	\$539,056
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$400,951</u>	<u>\$539,056</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$712,802	\$945,948
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$712,802</u>	<u>\$945,948</u>

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

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	<u>\$644,779</u>	<u>\$866,870</u>
	<u>\$1,190,658</u>	<u>\$1,580,380</u>

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$1,835,437

\$2,447,250