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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1491, L.D. 2212, “An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027”

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part HHHH the following:

'PART III

Sec. III-1. Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse hospitals after receipt of cost reports. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45, Hospital Services, to require the department to reimburse 75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to a hospital's cost reports within 90 days of receipt and to provide that the remaining 25% is paid incrementally after the audits are finished.

Sec. III-2. Existing resources. The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement the requirements of this Part within existing resources.

Sec. III-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Provides funding to establish one Staff Auditor II position to review and verify hospital cost reports and prepare payments for settlement. The initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$44,776
All Other	\$0	\$2,902
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$47,678

HOUSE AMENDMENT

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
2	Personal Services	\$0	\$67,164
3	All Other	\$0	\$6,107
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5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$73,271
6	Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147		
7	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to accelerate the payment of MaineCare		
8	reimbursements currently due to hospitals.		
9	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
10	All Other	\$0	\$51,000,000
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12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$51,000,000
13	Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147		
14	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to transition to MaineCare reimbursement of at least		
15	75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to a hospital's cost reports within 90 days of receipt.		
16	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
17	All Other	\$0	\$23,860,357
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19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$23,860,357
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21	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
22	All Other	\$0	\$59,486,943
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24	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$59,486,943
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26	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
27	All Other	\$0	\$1,053,730
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29	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,053,730
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31	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
32	DEPARTMENT OF		
33	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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35	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$74,908,035
36	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$59,486,943
37	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$73,271
38	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$1,053,730
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40	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$135,521,979
41			

1 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
2 section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its
5 rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45, Hospital
6 Services, to require the department to reimburse 75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to
7 a hospital's cost reports within 90 days of receipt and to provide that the remaining 25% is
8 paid incrementally after the audits are finished. It requires the department to accomplish
9 this within existing resources.

10 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

11 **(Representative DRINKWATER, G.)**

12 **TOWN: Milford**