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House of Representatives, March 7, 2013

**Resolve, To Establish MaineCare Eligibility for Parents Participating in Reunification Activities** 

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

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Presented by Representative HAMANN of South Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CASSIDY of Lubec, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MOONEN of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham, STUCKEY of Portland.

1 Sec. 1. Reunification activities eligibility. Resolved: That the Department of 2 Health and Human Services shall submit to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an application for a waiver 3 4 under the Medicaid program to cover parents who are MaineCare members or are eligible to be MaineCare members who are participating in rehabilitation and reunification 5 activities in accordance with a rehabilitation and reunification plan developed pursuant to 6 7 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4041. Under the waiver, the department shall make coverage available to the parent of a child who has been removed from the 8 9 home of a parent pursuant to Title 22, section 4036-B until either the department 10 determines that the parent is no longer participating in the rehabilitation and reunification plan as required by the plan or parental rights have been terminated pursuant to Title 22, 11 12 section 4056, whichever event happens first.

## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an application for a MaineCare waiver to cover parents who are MaineCare members or are eligible to be MaineCare members who are participating in rehabilitation and family reunification activities in accordance with a rehabilitation and reunification plan. Under the waiver, coverage would last until the parent ceases to participate in reunification activities or until parental rights are terminated.

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