



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans by Authorizing MaineCare Transportation Services To Transport Veterans to Medical Appointments Administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Luchini of Ellsworth

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Future biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditure Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit an application for a MaineCare waiver to provide transportation services to veterans who are eligible for the MaineCare program but also receive health care benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at the hospital located at Togus or affiliated community-based outpatient clinics. For current MaineCare members the brokers are receiving a capitated per member per month payment that is intended to cover the costs of transporting eligible members. The changes required in this bill could impact these capitated rates in the future if there is a substantial increase in rides. It is not currently known how much of an impact these additional rides could have and, therefore, a fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.