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House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

**An Act To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Service
Paid by the Department of Corrections**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, COREY of Windham, EVANGELOS of Friendship,
HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3031-B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 513, Pt. E, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **§3031-B. Limitation on reimbursement rate to medical service providers for**
5 **services outside department facility**

6 Effective July 1, 2004, the department or its contracted medical provider may pay to
7 a provider of a medical service for a person residing in a correctional or detention facility
8 an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable to that provider and that
9 service as established by rule of the Department of Health and Human Services for the
10 MaineCare program under Title 22. This limitation applies to all medical care services,
11 goods, prescription drugs and medications provided to a person outside the facility,
12 except that, beginning October 1, 2019, the Department of Corrections, or its contracted
13 medical provider, shall pay to a provider of an ambulance service for a person residing in
14 a correctional or detention facility an amount equal to 225% of the allowable
15 reimbursement under MaineCare for the applicable ambulance service.

16 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
17 allocations are made.

18 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

19 **Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286**

20 Initiative: Appropriates ongoing funds to increase the reimbursement rate for ambulance
21 services to 225% of the MaineCare rate beginning October 1, 2019.

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23	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
24	All Other	\$52,500	\$70,000
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26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,500	\$70,000

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires the Department of Corrections, or its contracted medical provider,
29 to pay to a provider of ambulance services 225% of the allowable reimbursement under
30 the MaineCare program for ambulance services provided for a person residing in a
31 correctional or detention facility.