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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 429, L.D. 610, “Resolve, To Amend the Rule Regarding Certain Mandatory Charity Care Policies To Be Consistent with MaineCare and the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Review and Amend the Rules Regarding Hospital Charity Care Guidelines'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Review. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall convene a working group to review the rules of the department regarding hospital charity care guidelines pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1716 and Chapter 150 of the department's rules.

1. The working group must include representatives of hospitals, consumers of health care services and other interested persons. The working group shall examine the possible use of an asset test similar to the asset test in use in the MaineCare program on January 1, 2013 or an asset test determined to be appropriate by the group. The working group shall also consider and propose to the department amendments to the income eligibility levels for charity care based upon eligibility for federal premium tax credits to purchase insurance through exchanges under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152. The working group recommendations must include provisions to protect those for whom the insurance is not affordable and those who have other good cause for not purchasing insurance through exchanges and such other circumstances as the group members consider to be relevant and appropriate for hospitals and residents in the State. If the working group determines that adoption of state law regarding an asset test is necessary, the department shall propose to the Legislature appropriate statutory language.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

