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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 810, L.D. 1106, Bill, “An Act To Improve the Health and Economic Security of Older Residents”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Asset test removed for the Medicare savings program; state plan amendment. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules, no later than January 1, 2020, to remove the asset test from the requirements of eligibility for the Medicare savings program.

The department shall prepare and submit any necessary Medicaid state plan amendments to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval for the removal of the asset test required by this section.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides appropriations and allocations to remove the asset test for the Medicare savings program and the elderly low-cost drug program.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$1,520,649	\$1,531,001
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,520,649	\$1,531,001

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
2	All Other	\$2,649,236	\$2,638,884
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4	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,649,236</u>	<u>\$2,638,884</u>

5 **Office for Family Independence Z020**

6 Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations and allocations for required technology
7 changes.

8	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
9	All Other	\$5,372	\$0
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,372</u>	<u>\$0</u>

12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
13	All Other	\$16,115	\$0
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15	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$16,115</u>	<u>\$0</u>

16	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
17	DEPARTMENT OF		
18	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
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20	GENERAL FUND	\$1,526,021	\$1,531,001
21	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$2,649,236	\$2,638,884
22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$16,115	\$0
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24	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$4,191,372</u>	<u>\$4,169,885</u>
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26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the
28 provisions in the bill relating to income eligibility levels for the Medicare savings
29 program and the elderly low-cost drug program. It also removes the asset test for the
30 Medicare savings program and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to
31 submit any necessary Medicaid state plan amendments to the United States Department
32 of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The
33 amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

34 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

35 (See attached)