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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1167, L.D. 1596, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend MaineCare Rules as They Pertain to the Delivery of Covered Services via Telecommunications Technology”

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

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** reviewing the availability of different methods of communication technology and implementing new rules on providing covered MaineCare services through telecommunication technology will contribute to improved health outcomes and more efficient MaineCare services; and

**Whereas,** providing for this legislation to take effect upon approval will contribute to expanding access to, and lowering the costs of delivering, health care as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Working group. 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 MaineCare rules regarding the definition of "telehealth" and the technologies used for provider-patient interaction involving MaineCare patients.

The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall invite the participation of the following on the working group:

- 1. A representative of the Home Care and Hospice Alliance of Maine;
- 2. A representative of the Maine Hospital Association;

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

