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Senator Baldacci, Chair
Representative Meyer, Chair
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
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RE: Biennial Budget Part GGG

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

This report is in response to P.L. 2023, ch. 412, *An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025*, Part GGG-4, which directed the Department to submit an interim report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its progress toward implementation of reimbursement practices for parents providing home health aide services to their child.

The legislation requires that the Department, no later than July 1, 2024, apply to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for a state plan amendment (SPA) to allow a parent of a child who is eligible for home health aide services under the MaineCare program, to receive reimbursement for providing home health aide services to the child. It also requires that the Department shall amend its rules to implement the benefit no later than 12 months after receiving SPA approval from CMS.

The Department intends to submit the SPA to CMS prior to July 1, 2024, and will begin implementing any necessary rule changes upon approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle S. Probert'.

Michelle S. Probert
MaineCare Director