



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 435

In Senate, March 28, 2013

### **An Act To Sustain Emergency Medical Services throughout the State**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and  
Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, CAIN of Penobscot, HILL of York,  
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, McCABE of Skowhegan, ROCHELO of Biddeford,  
STUCKEY of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-JJ**, as reallocated by RR 2005, c. 1, §6, is amended to  
3 read:

4 **§3174-JJ. MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services**

5 The department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level  
6 that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such  
7 services ~~or at the highest percent of that level that is possible within resources~~  
8 ~~appropriated for those purposes.~~

9 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
10 allocations are made.

11 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

12 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

13 Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance  
14 services to Medicare reimbursement rate levels.

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16	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
17	All Other	\$1,203,142	\$1,211,175
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19	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,203,142</u>	<u>\$1,211,175</u>
20	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
21	All Other	\$1,946,857	\$1,938,825
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23	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,946,857</u>	<u>\$1,938,825</u>

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill increases MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services to  
26 Medicare reimbursement rate levels and provides an appropriation and allocation for the  
27 increased costs to the MaineCare program.