

126th Legislature
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Proposal for Potential Inclusion in the 2nd Supplemental Budget

Public Hearing: Friday April 4, 2014 1:00 pm

Part __

Sec. _-1. MaineCare program integrity. The Department of Health and Human Services shall continue its efforts to improve the MaineCare program integrity unit and pursue the recommendations made by the Office of the State Auditor in its December 5, 2013 report that resulted from a limited procedures engagement of the Department of Health and Human Services surveillance of MaineCare expenditures. The department shall make full use of available data mining tools, including all aspects of J-SURS and ensure that program integrity staff are adequately trained in the use of these data systems and subsystems in a manner that complies with surveillance requirements included in federal regulations and results in greater detection of fraud, waste and abuse.

Sec. _-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care – Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Reduces funding due to increased recoveries identified by the MaineCare program integrity unit.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	(\$)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$)
 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	 2013-14	 2014-15
All Other	\$0	(\$)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$)

SUMMARY

This amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services to improve the MaineCare program integrity unit and pursue the recommendations made by the Office of the State Auditor on the surveillance of MaineCare expenditures. The department is required to use all available data mining tools, including J-SURS and ensure that program integrity staff are adequately trained in the use of these data systems and subsystems. It also deappropriates \$____ in fiscal year 2014-15 as a result of an increase in the identification of fraud, waste and abuse.

	2013-14	2014-15
General Fund Cost		
Increase (Decrease)	\$0	(\$)