

# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 26, 2019

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver Relating to Support Services and To Provide **Funds To Prevent Homelessness** 

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

R(+ B. Hunt Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MOONEN of Portland, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

### Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal waiver.

**Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver from the requirements of federal law and regulations. The application must seek approval for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide Medicaid-funded direct support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit the application for a waiver by October 1, 2019.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

#### **Housing First Assistance Program N232**

 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to be distributed to community action agencies to assist individuals on the verge of becoming homeless.

| 15 | GENERAL FUND       | 2019-20   | 2020-21   |
|----|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 16 | All Other          | \$500,000 | \$500,000 |
| 17 |                    |           |           |
| 18 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$500,000 | \$500,000 |

19 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver from the requirements of federal law and regulations to allow Maine to provide Medicaid-funded direct support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. In addition, the bill provides ongoing funds to the Housing First Assistance Program established within the Maine State Housing Authority to be distributed to community action agencies to assist individuals on the verge of becoming homeless.