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An Act To Restore the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1534** is enacted to read:

3 **§1534. Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program**

4 The Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is
5 established within the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to reimburse adults
6 and children with cystic fibrosis for expenses associated with the treatment and care of
7 cystic fibrosis.

8 **1. Permitted expenses.** Expenses reimbursed under the program must be related to
9 the treatment and care of cystic fibrosis for an adult or child who is diagnosed with cystic
10 fibrosis. Permitted expenses include, but are not limited to, medical expenses, travel
11 expenses for mileage and lodging associated with medical appointments, copayments and
12 deductibles for health insurance expenses, medications and prescription supplements,
13 medically necessary infant formula and durable medical equipment prescribed or
14 recommended by a physician licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36 or 48 or a nurse
15 practitioner licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 31.

16 **2. Annual cap on reimbursement.** An individual with cystic fibrosis may receive up
17 to \$3,000 in reimbursed expenses each calendar year under the program.

18 **3. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
19 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter
20 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill establishes the Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program in the Maine Center for
23 Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services. It
24 allows an adult or child diagnosed with cystic fibrosis to be reimbursed for expenses
25 associated with the treatment and care of that condition up to \$3,000 annually.