

## Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

**SERVICES INCLUDED:** Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 5, Chapter III, Ambulance Services

**NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES:** Beginning January 1, 2020, the Department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Maine Medicare area '99' for such services and shall reimburse for neonatal transport services under MaineCare at the average rate for critical care transport services under Medicare.

**REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES:** All changes are pursuant to Maine PL 2019, ch. 530, *An Act To Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use with Adequate Funding and by Equalizing the Taxes on Tobacco Products and To Improve Public Health*

### **ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL**

**AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES:** The Department anticipates that this change will cost \$2,497,230 in state expenditures and \$ 4,401,195 in federal expenditures in FFY 2019 and \$3,337,918 in state expenditures and \$5,859,982 in federal expenditures in FFY 2020.

### **ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926. The Department will hold a hearing for the proposed rulemaking and will be publishing a notice which includes information on the hearing date and location.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/index.shtml> for rules and related rulemaking documents.