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Senator Margaret Craven, Chair
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RE: LD 1509, Part SS, requirement to perform waivers and rulemaking related to technology and home support services for 21 and 29.

Dear Senator Craven, Representative Farnsworth, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am writing today to provide you with an update and progress report regarding LD 1509, Part SS, *a requirement to submit waivers and conduct rulemaking related to technology and home support services for section 21 and 29.* Section 21 and section 29 are the Home and Community Based Waiver Programs within the MaineCare Benefits Manual for adults with intellectual disabilities.

The work outlined in Part SS has been completed. The Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS) submitted amended waivers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in November, 2013. OADS is currently engaged in the necessary rule making that is needed for final adoption of the policy change.

The Department, at this time, believes that the work set forth in Part SS is accomplished.

I hope that the above information is helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Mayhew
Commissioner

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