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Senator Margaret Craven, Chair  
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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
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**RE: LD 1509, Part NN, a requirement to review the rate methodology and make recommendations regarding any change in rates.**

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 regarding LD 1509, Part NN, *a requirement to review the rate methodology and make recommendations regarding any change in rates for Section 21*. Section 21 is one of the Home and Community Based Waiver Programs within the MaineCare Benefits Manual for adults with intellectual disabilities.

The work outlined in Part NN is currently underway. The Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS) is working to complete a rate analysis, benchmarking study and resource allocation model for this program. OADS has formed a provider advisory committee and is planning a large provider survey that will assist in the development of the potential changes.

The Department, at this time, believes that the work set forth in Part NN is appropriately underway. The analysis is expected to be completed by October 2014. OADS will provide updates as necessary to the Legislative committee.

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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