of Health and Human Services shall submit a request to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 3.07% for reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Sections 13, 65 and 92 and rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 29, 40, 67, 96 and 97 Appendix C effective January 1, 2027. The department shall submit the request required to seek approval under this section to implement the cost-of-living adjustment as soon as practicable.

**Sec. FF-5. Cost-of-living adjustment for state-funded home and community-based services.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall increase reimbursement for state-funded home and community-based services by implementing a cost-of-living increase of 3.07% for direct care services provided under the department's Office of Aging and Disability Services, Part 1 rule Chapter 5, Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Sections 61, 63, 68 and 69 effective January 1, 2027 to maintain parity with similar MaineCare programs.

## PART GG

**Sec. GG-1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§23,** as enacted by PL 2025, c. 210, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

23. **Cellular telephone policy.** By August 1, 2026, a school board shall adopt and implement a policy prohibiting student use of personal electronic devices for the duration of the school day, from starting bell to dismissal bell. The policy must restrict student use of cellular telephones and other personal electronic devices with Internet or cellular network capabilities. The Department of Education, in coordination with the Maine School Management Association or a successor organization and other relevant stakeholders, shall make available a model policy for school boards. The model policy must include exceptions for compliance with a student's individualized education program, a documented accommodation under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 United States Code, Section 794 (2026) regarding an individual student, the delivery of prescribed medical care as outlined in a student's individualized health care plan and language support services for a student who is an emergent English language learner when no other translation option is available.

## PART HH

**Sec. HH-1. 20-A MRSA c. 114-A,** as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. HH-2. 20-A MRSA §13112, sub-§4, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 70, §5, is amended by repealing subparagraph (1).

**Sec. HH-3. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§21,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. C, §11, is repealed.

## PART II

**Sec. II-1. 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 662, Pt. A, §11, is further amended to read:

**1. Eligibility to enroll; school year.** A person meeting the minimum age requirements of subsection 2 or section 7001, subsection 1-B, paragraph B, and who has not reached ~~20~~