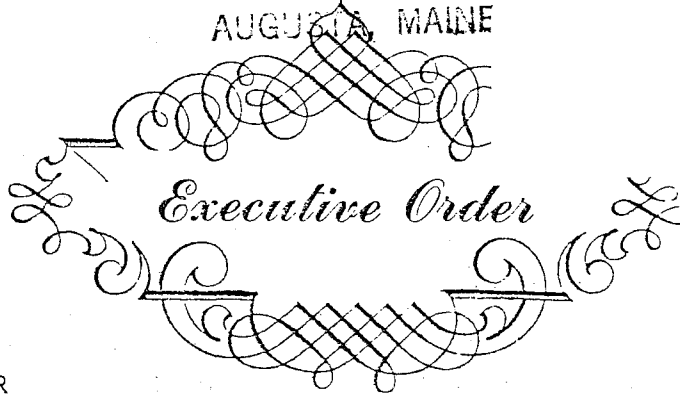


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Program Review - Intermediate Care Facilities
for the Mentally Retarded

WHEREAS, the obligation of the State of Maine to mentally retarded citizens living within the State of Maine is of great importance to the Administration and the State agencies charged with the provision of services to mentally retarded persons; and

WHEREAS, the most effective delivery of services to our mentally retarded citizens requires close coordination of the program functions of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Medicaid functions of the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, hearings on proposed legislation before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services have reinforced the need for even closer coordination between the two departments; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review has recommended that the two departments should work with the providers of Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) to address problems concerning the administration of this program; and

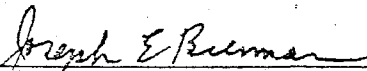
WHEREAS, it is necessary to address the concerns expressed by both legislative committees,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order and direct:

- 1) The Commissioners of the Departments of Human Services and Mental Health and Mental Retardation, with full representative participation by the providers of Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded and any other interested parties, shall:
 - a) Review all functions of the administration of services provided to mentally retarded citizens and their families through the Maine Medical Assistance Plan;
 - b) Determine which functions should be performed by each department consistent with the professional and programmatic expertise and statutory authority of each department; and
 - c) Assure that any recommended change in departmental function is compatible with existing federal Medicaid law and regulations and with the designation of the Department of Human Services as the State Medicaid agency.

- 2) The Commissioners shall report to the Governor no later than December 1, 1983, specifying their findings, conclusions and recommendations for action. The report shall include any recommended changes to the State Medicaid Plan, any recommended interagency agreements or other instruments, any recommended rules or regulations, and any other action which may be appropriate to implement the Commissioners' recommendations.
- 3) The Commissioners shall provide progress reports to the Governor on August 1, 1983 and October 1, 1983, which outline those issues addressed to date, any resolution of those issues, and barriers which do or may prevent timely resolution of such issues.

It is implicit in this Executive Order that to the extent the recommendations resulting from this Order are in the best interests of Maine's mentally retarded citizens and all citizens of this State, those recommendations be acted upon as soon as practicable.



JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor of Maine