

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1495**

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S. P. 471

In Senate, March 17, 1971

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Coverage of Treatment by Psychologists under Health and Accident Insurance Contracts.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 24-A, § 429, additional. Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by adding a new section 429 to read as follows:

§ 429. Reimbursement to psychologists under accident and health contracts

Notwithstanding any provision of a policy, contract or certificate of group and individual accident, health or accident and health insurance, hereafter issued, delivered, amended, renewed or ratified in this State, whenever such a policy or contract provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed practicing psychologist, a person covered under such group or individual accident, health and accident and health policy or contract shall be entitled to reimbursement for such service performed by a duly licensed practicing psychologist. When such policy or contract or any certificate issued thereunder is delivered or issued for delivery within or without this State by an authorized insurer, covered persons working or residing in this State shall be entitled to reimbursement for such diagnosis and treatment by a licensed psychologist as provided in this section. It is not mandatory that a subscriber contract shall provide for and offer reimbursement for the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional disorders and ailments, but if it does so provide, the subscribers shall have the option to select a licensed psychologist to provide services which are within the lawful scope of psychological practice.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to include the services of psychologists licensed by the State whenever an insurance carrier offers coverage to their insured for psychotherapy and psychodiagnosis.