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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 879

S. P. 273

In Senate, March 5, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Clarify the Definition of "Approved Alcohol Treatment Facility" and to Allow Payments to be Made Directly to the Facility.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 7103, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 566, § 1, is amended to read:

4. Approved treatment facility. "Approved treatment facility" means a public or private ~~non profit agency~~ alcohol treatment facility meeting the standards promulgated by the office pursuant to section 7115, subsection 1, and approved under section 7115, subsection 3 and licensed pursuant to section 5-A or pursuant to other applicable provisions of Maine law. An approved public treatment facility is ~~a treatment agency~~ an alcohol treatment facility operating under the direction and control of the office or providing treatment under this chapter through a contract with the office under section 7114, subsection 6 or any facility funded in whole or part by municipal, state or federal funds.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 7124, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 566, § 1, is amended to read:

1. If treatment is provided by an approved public treatment facility and the patient has not paid the charge therefor, ~~the office the treatment facility~~ is entitled to any payment received by the patient or to which he may be entitled because of the services rendered, and from any public or private source available to the ~~office treatment facility~~ because of the treatment provided to the patient.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA § 7124, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 566, § 1, is amended to read:

2. A patient in an approved treatment facility, or the estate of the patient, or a person obligated to provide for the cost of treatment and having sufficient financial ability, is liable to the ~~office~~ **treatment facility** for cost of maintenance and treatment of the patient therein in accordance with rates established.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies the definition of an approved treatment facility and provides for payments for treatment to be made directly to the facility rather than to the Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention.