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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-496)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" ^A to H.P. 1121, L.D. 1390, Bill,
"AN ACT to Require that Insurance Coverage for Out-patient
Community Mental Health Services be Provided in Group Health
Care Policies and Contracts."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2324 is enacted to read:

§2324. Community health services coverage

1. Coverage required to be made available. Every
nonprofit hospital and medical service organization which issues
group health care contracts providing coverage for hospital care
to residents of this State shall make available coverage for mental
health services provided by community mental health centers
licensed by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, pro-
vided the community mental health center providing the services
has contracted with the nonprofit hospital or medical service
organization under terms and conditions which the organization
deems satisfactory to its membership.

2. Contract. The group contract making available coverage
for the services referred to in this section shall contain pro-
visions for maximum benefits and co insurance, and reasonable
limitations, deductibles and exclusions.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2838 is enacted to read:

§2838. Community health service coverage

1. Coverage required to be made available. Every insurer which issues for delivery in this State, group and blanket health insurance policies which provide coverage for hospital care to residents of this State shall make available coverage for mental health services provided by community mental health centers licensed by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

2. Policy. The group or blanket policy providing coverage for services of community mental health centers referred to in this section shall contain provisions for maximum benefits and co-insurance, and reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall apply to group contracts and policies in this State which are delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or amended to substantially alter or change benefits or coverage on or after the 12th day after the effective date of this Act.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require coverage for community mental health services to be made available as a component of all group health care policies and contracts that provide coverage for inpatient hospital care.