

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 21, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator PERKINS of Hancock, Representative CARROLL of Gray and Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Provide Case Management Services for Children in Need of Treatment.



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

3 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the
5 General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
7 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION,		
9 DEPARTMENT OF		
11 Bureau of Children with Special		
13 Needs		
15 All Other	\$200,000	\$325,000
17 Provides seed money for		
19 Medicaid match for case		
or under-served.		
21 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND		
23 MENTAL RETARDATION		
25 TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$325,000</u>
27 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
29 Bureau of Medical Care		
31 All Other	\$100,000	\$50,000
33 Provides funds for contracted		
35 services necessary to make		
37 Medicaid plan and rule		
39 changes to implement the case		
41 management option for		
43 children and to determine how		
45 current state expenditures		
47 for eligible services may be		
used as Medicaid match.		
49 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
51 TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$375,000</u>

49 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

51 The federal Medicaid program allows case management as an
eligible service. The State's Interdepartmental Coordinating

1 Council, in its report to the Legislature on possible expansion
2 in use of Medicaid funding, has identified several roadblocks in
3 its effort to utilize Medicaid to its fullest. Principally, the
4 council noted the lack of seed money and staff time to make the
5 necessary plan and rule changes.

7 Case management has been identified as a critical unmet need
8 by the Commission to Examine the Quality, Quantity and
9 Availability of Services for Children with Special Needs,
10 Concannon Commission, and the draft report of the Commission on
11 Children in Need of Supervision and Treatment. Also recent news
12 articles on children in state care and custody have pointed to
13 case management as a missing piece in the development of
14 intensive foster home and group care options for children.

15 This appropriation provides for matching funds to establish
16 a Medicaid case management program and the necessary staff
17 support to do Medicaid plan and rule changes. Staff support
18 would also examine how to make use of existing expenditures for
19 Medicaid match.