

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 27, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Gray, Representative RUHLIN of Brewer and President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Establish a Comprehensive Service Delivery System for Persons with Head Injuries.



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

3 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
5 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Medical Care - Payments to Providers		
13 All Other	\$325,000	\$390,000
15 Provides funds for the state 17 share of Medicaid payments 19 for rehabilitating persons with head injuries.		
Bureau of Rehabilitation		
21 All Other	\$350,000	\$420,000
23 Provides funds for supported 25 employment services for 27 persons with head injuries.		
Bureau of Rehabilitation		
29 All Other	\$225,000	\$270,000
31 Provides funds for 33 independent living services 35 for persons with head injuries.		
37 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
TOTAL	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$1,080,000</u>

39 **Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
41 Federal Expenditure funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Medical Care - Payments to Providers		
49 All Other	\$609,000	\$731,000

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2 federal share of Medicaid
3 payments for rehabilitating
4 persons with head injuries.
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7 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

9 In January 1985, the Maine Legislative Task Force on Head
10 Injury reported to the 112th Legislature its finding that
11 "service for head injured persons are fragmented, underfunded,
12 and, to a large extent, nonexistent." There has been some
13 progress, but there are still few services available. This bill
14 proposes funding for comprehensive postacute care services for
15 persons with head injuries.

17 This bill makes a General Fund appropriation to cover the
18 state share of Medicaid payments for rehabilitative services for
19 persons with head injuries. There is also an allocation to cover
20 the federal share of these payments. These rehabilitative
21 services include those provided by physicians,
22 neuropsychologists, registered nurses, occupational therapists,
23 physical therapists, speech pathologists and other qualified
24 staff working under the supervision of these professionals.
25 These services may be provided in intermediate care or other
26 residential settings or in specialized day programs.
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29 A 2nd General Fund appropriation provides for supported
30 employment services for persons with head injuries who are not
31 covered by funding from other sources and who are not able to
32 engage in competitive employment on their own to receive ongoing
33 support to help them maintain employment in a competitive
34 setting. Supported employment activities include job development
35 and placement and intensive on-the-job training. In order to
36 stabilize job placement, supported employment also involves
37 regular contact with employees with head injuries, their
38 employers, their families or guardians and professional and other
39 advisors.

41 A 3rd General Fund appropriation provides for independent
42 living services for persons with head injuries. These services
43 reduce the need for more restrictive and costly models of care.
44 Independent living services include counseling, physical and
45 mental restoration services, supervised living, transportation,
attendant care and other services that assist persons with head
injuries to function independently.