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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 467,
L.D. 1252, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Medicaid Advisory
Committee on Mental Health"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the
following:

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3189 is enacted to read:

§3189. Compensation for mental health diagnostic, screening,
prevention and rehabilitation services

1. Compensation. In determining levels of reimbursement in
rate structures established for community mental health provider
agencies, the Department of Human Services shall:

A. Formulate payment rates for various types of care
provided based on the costs attributable to each service or
each category of mental health professional designated as
allowed to provide reimbursable services, as determined by
such standard methods as the department may establish;

B. Adjust rates accordingly, at least annually, for optimal
service delivery to eligible clients;

C. Recognize the providers' reasonable costs of recruiting,
training and retaining qualified staff, including
psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and other
qualified mental health professionals; and

D. Implement this section in a manner which does not result
in a decrease in numbers of clients or units of service and
which does result in any increased revenues remaining with
the providers of service which generated these revenues.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the
following:

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

	1989-90	1990-91
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Intermediate Care - Payments		
to Providers		

11	All Other	\$60,425	\$87,132
13	Provides funds to adjust the		
15	payment reimbursement rate by		
17	5% and for additional costs		
	of recruitment and training		
	of mental health clinic staff.		

19 **Sec. 4. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
21 Federal Expenditure funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Intermediate Care - Payments .		
to Providers		

29	All Other	\$115,076	\$156,868
31	Allocates federal matching		
33	funds to adjust the payment		
35	reimbursement rate by 5% and		
37	for additional costs of		
	recruitment and training of		
	mental health clinic staff.'		

39 Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to
41 read consecutively.

43 Further amend the amendment by striking out the fiscal note
45 and inserting in its place the following:

FISCAL NOTE

47 The Department of Mental health and Mental Retardation will
49 utilize existing General Fund appropriations as seed money for
51 increased Medicaid reimbursement to providers. This could reduce
the amount of state funds provided to some but not all mental
health care providers.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment restores a section of the original bill which was omitted from the committee amendment. The intended effect, in requiring the revision of rates, is to maximize federal revenues for existing services which are currently subsidized with state funds.

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