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SENATE 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:

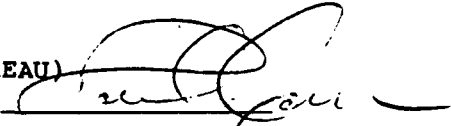
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STATEMENT OF FACT

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.

(Senator GAUVREAU)
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