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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 211, L.D. 538, Bill, "An Act Relating to Assumption of Medical Expenses by the State in Child Protection Investigations"

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4024 is enacted to read:

§4024. Department responsible for required services

If the department requires that a child receive mental health services or other medical services as an alternative to the initiation of a child protection proceeding, the department shall inform the person responsible for the child that the services must be approved by the department. If the person responsible for the child's medical expenses is unable to pay for the services required, the department shall inform the person responsible for the child that the department will pay for the services if the services are approved by the department.

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

	1991-92	1992-93
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Child Welfare Services		
All Other	\$7,500	\$10,000

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2 Provides funds to cover the  
costs of mental health or  
4 other medical services  
required as an alternative to  
6 initiation of a child  
protection proceeding for  
8 those cases in which the  
department is responsible for  
10 payment.'

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment requires the Department of Human Services to inform the person responsible for a child, when the department requires mental health or medical services as an alternative to a child protective proceeding, that the services must be approved by the department. The amendment also clarifies the requirement in the original bill regarding when the department must pay for those services.

Reported by Senator Gill for the Committee on Human Resources.  
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