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JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland

Cosponsored by Representative KETOVER of Portland, Representative ANTHONY of South Portland and Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Ensure Patient Access to Inpatient Psychiatric Services.

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

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4 22 MRSA §3189, sub-§5, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 588, Pt. A, §43, is amended to read:

6 D. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with subsection 9 to establish guidelines on:

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10 (1) Provider eligibility for reimbursement for services under this section, provided that the criteria for providers shall-be are no more stringent than those established in the state Medicaid rules, and provided that licensed psychiatric hospitals are eligible to provide inpatient services to individuals 22 to 64 years of age; and

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16 (2) Service provider fees, provided that the fees shall--be are no less than service provider fees established in the Medicaid fee schedule for the applicable program year.

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22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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26 Under current Medicaid regulations, which have also been adopted by the Maine Health Program, licensed psychiatric hospitals may be reimbursed only for providing inpatient services to patients under 22 years of age or over 64 years of age, while general hospitals may be reimbursed for providing these services to individuals of all ages. This bill makes licensed psychiatric hospitals eligible to provide inpatient services to adults 22 to 32 64 years of age under the Maine Health Program.

34 This legislation does not expand covered services for persons insured under the Maine Health Program, it simply makes licensed psychiatric hospitals eligible to provide inpatient services that general hospitals are already eligible to provide under the Maine Health Program. The same rate structure applies to general hospitals and licensed psychiatric hospitals.