

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 363

In Senate, April 1, 1993

**An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Rate Setting at Residential Treatment Centers.**

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Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond,  
GEAN of Alfred.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8152, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL  
4 1987, c. 432, §1, is amended to read:

6 4. Interim rate. If a residential treatment center has  
7 substantially complied with subsection 3, paragraph A, and if the  
8 State has not offered, in good faith, a contract to a residential  
9 treatment center by July 1st of each year, services which that  
10 are currently being provided by that residential treatment center  
11 shall must be paid at a rate equal to the rate established  
12 immediately prior to July 1st of each year, increased or  
13 decreased by the ~~most-current-wage-and-price-index-established-by~~  
14 ~~Data-Resources, Inc.~~ annual inflation rate as measured by the most  
15 recent Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All  
16 Items, published by the United States Department of Labor. This  
17 interim rate shall ~~remain~~ remains in effect for a residential  
18 treatment center until the State offers that residential  
19 treatment center a contract. The rate shall must then return to  
20 the level established immediately prior to July 1st of each year  
21 until a negotiated contract has been signed by both parties.  
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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill amends the law that specifies that the annual  
inflation rate to be used to increase or decrease rates in  
residential child care facilities when rates have not been set by  
July 1st of each year be changed from that published by Data  
Resources, Inc., which is obtained through payment of a  
subscription, to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban  
Consumers, which is obtained at no cost.