

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 132

H.P. 97

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

An Act to Increase Access to Mental Health Services for Medicaid Recipients.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative DORE of Auburn, Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec and
Representatives: FITZPATRICK of Durham, MORRISON of Bangor, TREAT of Gardiner,
WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-L, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
4 393, §1, is amended to read:

6 **1. Licensed clinical social workers and licensed clinical**
7 **professional counselors.** Licensed clinical social workers must
8 be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement for counseling
9 services whenever licensed clinical professional counselors are
10 eligible to be reimbursed for those services. Licensed clinical
11 professional counselors must be eligible to receive Medicaid
12 reimbursement for counseling services whenever licensed clinical
13 social workers are eligible to be reimbursed for those services.
14 Reimbursement may not be conditioned upon practice within a
15 hospital or clinic if the services rendered are within the scope
16 of licensure of the provider of the services.

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20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

21 This bill provides that Medicaid reimbursement for mental
22 health services by licensed clinical social workers and licensed
23 clinical professional counselors may not be conditioned on the
24 services being provided in a hospital or clinic.