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No. 1143

S.P. 420

In Senate, April 4, 1995

An Act to Adopt Uniform Standards for Substance Abuse Treatment.

Submitted by the Office of Substance Abuse pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEVENS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: CASSIDY of Washington, Representatives: LABRECQUE of
Gorham, TRUE of Fryeburg.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20042, as amended by PL 1991, c. 601, §20, is further amended to read:

§20042. Standards

The Except as provided in section 20008, the office shall contract for treatment services only with approved treatment facilities.

Beginning January 1, 1996, the office shall require that all facilities desiring to receive funds adhere to uniform patient placement criteria for substance abuse assessment and treatment in order to match clients to the appropriate treatment and ensure comparable standards for assessment and treatment of substance abuse problems throughout the State.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2329, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Standards for assessment and treatment of substance abuse. An entity or person authorized to act as an insurer or authorized by the superintendent is governed by the standards established pursuant to Title 5, section 20042.

The superintendent shall cooperate with the Office of Substance Abuse in the enforcement of these standards.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2842, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Standards for assessment and treatment of substance abuse. An entity or person authorized to act as an insurer or authorized by the superintendent is governed by the standards established pursuant to Title 5, section 20042.

The superintendent shall cooperate with the Office of Substance Abuse in the enforcement of these standards.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4237 is enacted to read:

§4237. Standards for assessment and treatment of substance abuse; health maintenance organizations

An entity or person authorized to act as an insurer or authorized by the superintendent is governed by the standards established pursuant to Title 5, section 20042.

The superintendent shall cooperate with the Office of Substance Abuse in the enforcement of these standards.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 Currently, the Office of Substance Abuse is developing
patient placement criteria to ensure uniform criteria for
assessment and treatment of substance abuse problems. This bill
6 requires that all facilities who contract with the office adhere
to these criteria after January 1, 1996. The Superintendent of
8 Insurance is required to assist in enforcing these criteria.