

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 126

H.P. 102

House of Representatives, January 14, 1997

An Act to Limit Medicaid Coverage for Methadone Rehabilitation to One Year.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, LEMONT of Kittery,
PLOWMAN of Hampden, Senator: PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20053, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 499,
§1 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

6 **3. Project limitation.** Participation in the project is
7 limited to 300 clients at any one time receiving long-term
8 methadone and other narcotic drug detoxification and maintenance
9 treatment for narcotic dependency, of whom a maximum of 100 at
10 any one time may receive the treatment under reimbursement from
11 the Medicaid program. Clients of a treatment program that is
12 licensed in the State who are receiving methadone or other
13 narcotic drug detoxification or maintenance treatment on the date
14 of the commencement of the treatment project have priority as
15 clients under the treatment project. Clients must receive a
16 minimum of 1/2 hour of counseling time per week. Treatment under
17 the treatment project for persons receiving reimbursement under
18 the Medicaid program must be cost-neutral or result in savings to
19 the Medicaid program. Treatment under the treatment project for
20 persons receiving reimbursement under the Medicaid program is
21 limited to one year per person.

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24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill limits treatment under the long-term narcotic
27 dependency treatment project for persons receiving reimbursement
28 under the Medicaid program to one year per person and provides a
minimum of 1/2 hour of counseling time per week per person.