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House of Representatives, February 11, 1999

Resolve, to Promote Community Mental Health Services.

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Winterport,
GAGNON of Waterville, HATCH of Skowhegan, KANE of Saco, MITCHELL of
Vassalboro, QUINT of Portland, Senator: LONGLEY of Waldo.

2 **Sec. 1. Rulemaking. Resolved:** That by January 1, 2000 the
3 Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
4 Abuse Services shall adopt rules to endure fair contracting for
5 community mental health services. The rules must separate the
6 provision of community mental health services under the Medicaid
7 program from grants to community mental health centers for the
8 provision of community mental health services. In the category
9 of Medicaid reimbursable services, the rule must provide for
10 transfer to the provider of an amount to be used to match federal
11 funds. The rules must provide that the department will
12 contribute funds in addition to the match amount if services are
13 provided that fully utilize the amount of funds. The rules must
14 provide that unused match funds will revert to the department if
15 they are not needed to provide services in that account in that
16 budget year. In the category of grant funds, the rules must
17 provide for payment of a grant in a fixed amount for mental
18 health services, this amount being independent of the funds in
19 the Medicaid match account. Rules adopted pursuant to this Act
20 are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised
21 Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

26 This resolve requires the Department of Mental Health,
27 Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to adopt rules by
28 January 1, 2000 regarding community mental health services. The
29 rules require contracts to separate fixed-amount grant funds from
30 Medicaid reimbursement funds, which would vary with the amount of
31 services rendered by the mental health services provider.
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