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House of Representatives, February 8, 2001

**An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Joint Advisory
Committee on Select Services for Older Persons.**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, FULLER of Manchester, SNOWE-MELLO of
Poland, TARAWEWICH of Waterboro, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

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Sec. 1. Improving delivery of services. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Human Services shall review their rules regarding the delivery of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to older persons, identify barriers to the delivery of those services and revise rules as necessary to improve the delivery of those services. The departments shall include in the process central and regional office personnel and representatives of provider agencies and advocacy groups. In particular, the departments shall consider the use of a single form for the release of information, uniform service definitions and reimbursement codes and standard contract protocols for interagency referrals. By February 1, 2002, the departments shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on their actions to improve the delivery of services. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. Access to services. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Human Services shall review their rules regarding access to services for older persons with coexisting dementia, mental illness, mental retardation or substance abuse, identify barriers to access to those services and revise rules as necessary to improve access to those services. The departments shall include in the process central and regional office personnel and representatives of provider agencies and advocacy groups. By February 1, 2002, the departments shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on their actions to improve access to services. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 3. Semiannual reports. Beginning February 1, 2003 and semiannually thereafter, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding access to and the delivery of services for older persons with mental illness, mental retardation, dementia, aging or substance abuse problems.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2		2001-02	2002-03
4	MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION		
6	AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,		
	DEPARTMENT OF		
8	Mental Health Services - Community		
10	All Other	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
12	Provides funds for statewide		
14	psycho-geriatric teams as		
16	part of an effort to improve		
18	access to services for and		
20	delivery of services to older		
	persons with mental illness,		
	mental retardation, aging,		
	dementia and substance abuse		
	problems.		
22	Mental Health Services - Community		
	Medicaid		
24	All Other	1,000,000	1,000,000
26	Provides funds for statewide		
28	psycho-geriatric teams as		
30	part of an effort to improve		
32	access to services for and		
34	delivery of services to older		
	persons with mental illness,		
	mental retardation, aging,		
	dementia and substance abuse		
	problems.		
36	Mental Health Services - Community		
38	All Other	67,500	67,500
40	Provides funds for improved		
42	public information and		
44	upgrade of a publicly		
46	accessible site on the		
48	Internet to permit access to		
50	information for the public on		
	services available to older		
	persons with mental illness,		
	mental retardation, aging,		
	dementia and substance abuse		
	problems.		
52	Mental Health Services - Community		

2	All Other	1,000,000	1,000,000
4	Provides funds to increase		
6	services to older persons		
	with mental illness.		
8	Mental Retardation Services - Community		
10	All Other	1,000,000	1,000,000
12	Provides funds to increase		
14	services to older persons		
	with mental retardation.		
16	Substance Abuse Services		
18	All Other	1,000,000	1,000,000
20	Provides funds to increase		
22	services to older persons		
	with substance abuse problems.		
24	Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid		
26	All Other	700,000	700,000
28	Provides funds for training		
30	and coordination of services		
32	among the mental health,		
	mental retardation, dementia,		
	aging and substance abuse		
	disciplines.		
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36	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL		
	RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE		
	SERVICES		
38	TOTAL	<u>\$6,467,500</u>	<u>\$6,467,500</u>
40	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
42	Elder and Adult Services, Bureau of		
44	All Other	\$7,500	\$7,500
46	Provides funds for improved		
48	public information and		
	upgrade of a publicly		
50	accessible site on the		
	Internet to permit		

2 access to information for the
 4 public on services available
 6 to older persons with mental
 illness, mental retardation,
 aging, dementia and substance
 abuse problems.

8 **Elder and Adult Services, Bureau of**

10 All Other 150,000 150,000

12 Provides funds for community
 14 services programs providing
 visitation and volunteer
 16 services for older persons
 with mental illness, mental
 18 retardation, aging, dementia
 and substance abuse problems.

20 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
 22 **TOTAL** \$157,500 \$157,500

24 **SECTION**
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$6,625,000 \$6,625,000

26 **Sec. 5. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
 28 Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

30 2001-02 2002-03

32 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

34 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

36 All Other \$1,981,959 \$1,992,220

38 Provides funds for the
 federal match for statewide
 40 psycho-geriatric teams as
 part of an effort to improve
 42 access to services for and
 delivery of services to older
 44 persons with mental illness,
 mental retardation, aging,
 46 dementia and substance abuse
 problems.

48 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

2	All Other	1,387,371	1,394,554
4	Provides funds for the		
6	federal match for the		
8	training and coordination of		
10	services among the mental		
	health, mental retardation,		
	dementia, aging and substance		
	abuse disciplines.		
12	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,369,330</u>	<u>\$3,386,774</u>
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16	SECTION		
	TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	<u>\$3,369,330</u>	<u>\$3,386,774</u>

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SUMMARY

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22 This bill appropriates \$6,625,000 for improving access to
24 and the delivery of services to older persons with mental
26 illness, mental retardation, aging, dementia and substance abuse
28 problems. The bill directs the Department of Human Services and
30 the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
Abuse Services to review and revise their rules to improve access
to and the delivery of services. It requires reports by February
1, 2002 regarding these issues and semiannual reports on access
to and delivery of services beginning February 1, 2003. The bill
provides allocations of federal money to match the General Fund
appropriations.