

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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No. 58

H.P. 66

House of Representatives, January 16, 2003

### **Resolve, to Expand the Choices of People Seeking Mental Health Therapy Under the MaineCare Program**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, DUDLEY of Portland, EARLE of Damariscotta,  
GROSE of Woolwich, MARLEY of Portland, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PATRICK of  
Rumford, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

2           **Sec. 1. Mental health therapies. Resolved:** That by January 1,  
3           2004, the department shall adopt rules to expand the choices for  
4           persons seeking mental health therapy under the MaineCare program  
5           by providing for direct reimbursement under the MaineCare program  
6           for the following mental health professionals when they are  
7           practicing independently of an agency that provides services for  
8           enrollees in the MaineCare program: licensed clinical social  
9           workers licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 83; and licensed  
10          clinical professional counselors and licensed marriage and family  
11          therapists licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 119. Rules  
12          adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as  
13          defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further

14           **Sec. 2. MaineCare reimbursement. Resolved:** That by January 1,  
15          2004, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to  
16          increase the reimbursement rate for licensed clinical social  
17          workers, licensed clinical professional counselors and licensed  
18          marriage and family therapists under the MaineCare program in  
19          order to set the reimbursement rate for a one-hour unit of  
20          professional mental health treatment at \$50 for those  
21          professionals providing services under the Maine Revised  
22          Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-DD.

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## SUMMARY

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27           This resolve provides for direct reimbursement under the  
28          MaineCare program for licensed clinical social workers, licensed  
29          clinical professional counselors and licensed marriage and family  
30          therapists providing mental health services independent of  
31          agencies to MaineCare enrollees. The resolve directs the  
32          Department of Human Services to adopt rules to increase the  
33          reimbursement rate for these professionals to \$50 per one-hour  
34          unit of professional mental health treatment.