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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 134, L.D. 175, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Parity Among Mental Health Professionals Under Medicaid"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Allow MaineCare Reimbursement for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists To Provide Services to Child Protective Services Clients and Adult Protective Services Clients'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Human Services to amend rules. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall amend the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 58 to add licensed marriage and family therapists as approved providers of prior authorized professional assessment, counseling and therapeutic services to children or adults referred by the Bureau of Child and Family Services or the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. Rule changes pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report required. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2005 on the implementation and initial impact of adding licensed marriage and family therapists as approved providers under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 58. The report must include the number of licensed

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2 marriage and family therapists billing for these services and the
average amount billed per therapist by month.'

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SUMMARY

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8 This amendment replaces the bill and makes it a resolve. The
amendment requires the Department of Human Services to amend its
10 MaineCare rules to allow licensed marriage and family therapists
to provide assessment, counseling and therapeutic services to
12 children or adults referred by the Bureau of Child and Family
Services or the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. The
14 amendment requires a report to the joint standing committee of
the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
16 services matters by January 31, 2005 regarding the implementation
and initial impact of this rule change.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Approved: 02/02/04 *MAC*

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



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**An Act to Ensure Parity Among Mental Health Professionals Under
Medicaid**

LR 0190(03)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional cost to the Department of Human Services can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing resources.