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Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Establish a Procedure for the Timely Assessment of an Older Individual's Need for Mental Health Services

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

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Presented by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, GROSE of Woolwich, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc.

Sec. 1. Establish procedure; coordinate delivery of services.

Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a procedure for the timely assessment of an older individual's need for mental health services and a system to coordinate delivery of appropriate services regardless of the setting in which the older individual resides. The department shall ensure that the procedure for assessment contains appropriate screening, assessment and care-planning criteria and that the mental health services to older adults will be efficiently and effectively delivered in a manner that preserves residence in the community and delays or avoids higher-cost services.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a procedure for the timely assessment of an older individual's need for mental health services.