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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 411, L.D. 1183, Bill, "An Act Regarding Access to Mental Health Services"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-FF, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. MMM, §1, is amended to read:

C. A member is eligible for psychological services benefits for individual and group counseling. Benefits for one or both types of counseling combined are limited to a total of 16 one-hour visits per year, except that the department may increase the maximum number of visits for psychological services to 24 visits in a 12-month period as long as any cost associated with this increase is offset by savings from managing the use of these services by methods that may include prior authorization.'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the maximum number of visits for

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L.D. 1183

2 psychological services benefits for individual and group
3 counseling for which a member is eligible under MaineCare Basic
4 from 16 to 24 visits per year, if the costs associated with the
5 increase are offset by savings from managing the use of services.

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SPONSORED BY: *Peggy Rotundo*
(Senator ROTUNDO) *JR*

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COUNTY: Androscoggin

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1183

LR 0049(06)

An Act Regarding Access to Mental Health Services

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$125,740)	(\$131,159)	(\$136,812)	(\$142,709)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$125,740)	(\$131,159)	(\$136,812)	(\$142,709)
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$217,812)	(\$222,370)	(\$231,954)	(\$241,951)
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$217,812)	(\$222,370)	(\$231,954)	(\$241,951)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Assumes the amendment would eliminate the need for appropriations and allocations, leaving minor costs that can be absorbed by the Department of Health and Human Services within existing budgetary resources.