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House of Representatives, December 20, 2005

Resolve, To Ensure the Coordination and Effectiveness in the **Provision of Outpatient and Medication Management Services** under Maine's Noncategorical Waiver

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 14, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, LERMAN of Augusta, Senators: ROSEN of Hancock, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

- Sec. 1. Development of process. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a process for tracking the number of mental health treatment sessions provided to noncategorical waiver beneficiaries, for purposes of appropriate clinical planning. In developing this process, the department shall:
- 1. Establish prior authorization processes to ensure that a beneficiary's remaining service availability is not exhausted within any given calendar year;
- 2. Create criteria for necessary clinical justification for exceeding the calendar year limit of outpatient and medication management services; and
- 3. Clarify that mental health assessment services are not included within the calendar year service limit.

11 SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the coordination and effectiveness in the provision of outpatient and medication management services under Maine's noncategorical waiver. This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a process for tracking the number of mental health treatment sessions provided to noncategorical waiver beneficiaries, for purposes of appropriate clinical planning.