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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 122ND LEGISLATURE
7 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

8 HOUSE AMENDMENT *A* to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1397,
9 L.D. 1995, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend
10 Its Rules To Ensure Efficiencies in the Billing and Delivery of Outpatient Clinical
11 Services"

12 Amend the amendment by striking out the first, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title
13 (page 1, lines 12 to 23 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

14 'Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary
15 and inserting in its place the following:

16 '**Sec. 1. Reimbursement to outpatient behavioral health clinical care**
17 **service providers. Resolved:** That in implementing managed behavioral health care
18 services as required by Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part PP and Public Law 2005,
19 chapter 519, Part ZZZ, and consistent with the budgetary savings in fiscal year 2007 of
20 \$10,431,749 required by Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part PP, section 3, the
21 Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules to allow for
22 reimbursement under the MaineCare program to outpatient behavioral health care clinical
23 service providers who practice independently and are participating providers in the
24 managed care initiative implemented under Public Law 2005, chapters 457 and 519. For
25 the purposes of this section, "outpatient behavioral health care clinical service providers"
26 includes but is not limited to licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and
27 family therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed clinical professional
28 counselors.'

29 Further amend the amendment in the 4th paragraph after the title in the 2nd line (page
30 1, line 25 in amendment) by striking out the following: "; and be it further" and inserting
31 in its place the following: ' '

32 Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the 4th paragraph after
33 the title (page 1, lines 26 to 35 and page 2, lines 1 to 9 in amendment)

34 SUMMARY

35 This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services, in
36 implementing managed behavioral health care services and consistent with budgeted
37 savings, to amend its rules to allow MaineCare reimbursement to outpatient behavioral

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HOUSE AMENDMENT **A** to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1397, L.D. 1995

1 health care clinical service providers who practice independently and who participate in
2 the department's managed care initiative.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
4 (See attached)

5 **SPONSORED BY:** AP
6 (Representative PINGREE)

7 **TOWN: North Haven**

HOUSE AMENDMENT



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1995

LR 3080(04)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules To Ensure Efficiencies in the Billing and Delivery of Outpatient Clinical Services

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

Sponsor: Rep. Pingree

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$599,989)	(\$646,404)	(\$698,116)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$599,989)	(\$646,404)	(\$698,116)
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	(\$1,029,530)	(\$1,113,476)	(\$1,202,554)
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	(\$1,029,530)	(\$1,113,476)	(\$1,202,554)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment assures that only providers participating in the managed care initiative are eligible for direct reimbursement, eliminating the need for appropriations and allocations, leaving minor costs that can be absorbed by the Department of Health and Human Services within existing budgeted resources.