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Health and Human Services

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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

Amend the resolve in section 1 by inserting at the end the following:

'The department shall amend the MaineCare rules for licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed clinical professional counselors to provide additional standards for professional practice in order to coordinate and integrate with managed behavioral health care services provided through the MaineCare program.

Implementation of the rule changes under this section and broadened reimbursement rules for licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed clinical professional counselors practicing independently must take place in coordination with and at the same time as the department's initiative in managed behavioral health care services under the MaineCare program.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds for the additional costs to the MaineCare program of allowing reimbursement to outpatient clinical services providers who practice independently.

GENERAL FUND

2005-06

2006-07

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1	All Other	\$0	\$599,989
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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$599,989
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5	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2005-06	2006-07
6	All Other	\$0	\$1,029,530
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8	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$1,029,530

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SUMMARY

11 The amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the
12 MaineCare rules for licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family
13 therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed professional counselors to provide
14 additional standards in order to coordinate and integrate with MaineCare-managed
15 behavioral health care services. The amendment ties implementation of the rule changes
16 to the beginning of managed behavioral health care services. The amendment designates
17 the rules as routine technical rules.

18 Implementation of the rule changes and broadened reimbursement rules for licensed
19 clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed pastoral
20 counselors and licensed clinical professional counselors practicing independently must
21 take place in coordination with and at the same time as the department's initiative in
22 managed behavioral health care services under the MaineCare program.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

**122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1995****LR 3080(02)**

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Efficiencies in the Billing and Delivery of Outpatient Clinical Services**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

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

Assumes there will be additional costs to the MaineCare program if its rules are amended to allow for reimbursement to outpatient clinical services providers who practice independently, including: licensed clinical social workers, licensed clinical professional counselors, licensed pastoral counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists.