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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 125, L.D. 384, Bill, "An Act To Strengthen Maine Children's Mental Health"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Clarify Reimbursement for Parent-only Programs under the MaineCare Program'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse for parent-only programs when allowable. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 28, 65 and 90 to reimburse for services provided to a parent or guardian of a child who qualifies for the MaineCare program but who is not present when the service is being provided, as long as the service relates to the child's plan of care and is permitted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These services may be provided to parents or guardians individually or in groups as long as the service is allowable under federal law. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 28, 65 and 90 to clarify that reimbursement is allowable for services provided to parents or guardians of children who are eligible for the MaineCare program but are not present when the service is being provided, as long as the service relates to the child's plan of care and is permitted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These services may be provided to parents or guardians individually

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or in groups. Services reimbursed under these circumstances are evidence-based parenting skills programs.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 03/07/18 *MAC*

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An Act To Strengthen Maine Children's Mental Health

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-397)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.