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128TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 479, L.D. 688, Bill, "An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Music Therapy"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3174-ZZ in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Medicare and"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3174-ZZ in subsection 2 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 1, lines 16 and 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "to a Medicaid recipient or to a Medicare recipient"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3174-ZZ in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "board" the following: 'to a Medicaid recipient who is diagnosed with an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Medicaid state plan amendment and waiver. The Department of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit a state plan amendment and waiver as required to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by January 1, 2018 that provides or requests, as appropriate, Medicaid coverage for music therapy services to Medicaid recipients who have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder, including, but not limited to, persons who receive home and community-based support benefits under the MaineCare program pursuant to a waiver granted under the federal Social Security Act, Section 1915(c).'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, narrows the Medicaid population that is eligible for music therapy under the MaineCare program to adults and children with a diagnosis of an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder. It also clarifies that the bill does not apply to Medicare recipients. It also moves the date by which the Department of Health and Human Services must prepare and submit a state plan amendment and waiver as required to the United States Department of

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Music Therapy

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment (H-297)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund Current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires music therapy services to be reimbursed under the MaineCare program contingent upon the approval of coverage by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. There is not enough information available to adequately estimate what would be the cost of providing this service. Therefore, no estimate of cost is made at this time.