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Resolve, To Increase Access to Evidence-based Psychosocial Treatment for Children in the MaineCare Program

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MALABY of Hancock. Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, MADIGAN of Waterville, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais.

1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare reimbursement for outpatient psychosocial treatments for 2 3 children. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall increase reimbursement rates under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, 4 Chapters II and III, Sections 28, 65 and 97 for evidence-based therapies for treating 5 emotional and behavioral problems in children. These therapies include multisystemic 6 therapy, multisystemic therapy for problem sexualized behavior, functional family 7 8 therapy, therapy under the so-called Treatment Foster Care Oregon model and applied 9 behavior analysis. These rates must be sufficient to cover all costs to the provider of delivering the services, including additional training, to attract enough providers to clear 10 11 waiting lists for services and to attract providers to all areas of the State, including underserved rural areas: and be it further 12

13 Sec. 2. Additional evidence-based practices services for children. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall issue a request for 14 15 proposals to contract with therapeutic mental health service providers to offer new evidence-based outpatient psychosocial treatment services for children known as trauma-16 focused cognitive behavioral therapy and parent management training programs. The 17 18 request for proposals must be funded with General Fund funds and be used for start-up training costs to allow service providers to hire and train staff to provide the treatment. 19 The Department of Health and Human Services shall work with the contracted providers 20 21 to develop an ongoing MaineCare reimbursement rate for providing treatment that allows 22 for federal Medicaid matching funds and the continued financial health of the service 23 providers providing these therapies.

SUMMARY

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25 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the 26 MaineCare reimbursement rates for evidence-based outpatient psychosocial treatments 27 for children to a rate that covers all costs involved with providing the service, including additional training, clears waiting lists and attracts providers to all areas of the State, 28 29 including underserved rural areas. The resolve also requires the department to cover 2 additional evidence-based services known as trauma-focused cognitive behavioral 30 therapy and parent management training programs through a request for proposals, using 31 General Fund funds for training and hiring staff. The department and the contracted 32 33 providers are required to develop a reimbursement rate for providing the service that is sufficient to allow the continued financial health of the service providers providing these 34 35 therapies.