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L.D. 195

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 158, L.D. 195, Bill, "An Act To Continue MaineCare Coverage for Parents During the Rehabilitation and Reunification Process"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3174-BBB in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "section 3174" and inserting the following: 'any other provision of law to the contrary'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3174-BBB by inserting at the end the following:

'Beginning January 1, 2021, the department shall provide annually by January 1st to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report on the number of individuals and families who continue MaineCare coverage pursuant to the requirements of this section.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that parents who are eligible for the MaineCare program prior to having their minor children removed from the home remain eligible for the MaineCare program if they are engaged in rehabilitation and reunification efforts regardless of any other provision of law. The reference in the bill did not account for new eligibility under Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1. The amendment also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an annual report, beginning in 2021, on the number of individuals and families who benefit from this provision.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 195

LR 603(02)

An Act To Continue MaineCare Coverage for Parents During the Rehabilitation and Reunification Process

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-133)

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 report back to the legislature are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.