

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 12, 2019

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**An Act To Expand Community Support Services for Certain Adult  
Members of the MaineCare Program**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.  
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec, Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRENNAN of Portland, FECTEAU of  
Biddeford, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, WARREN of Hallowell,  
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3172, sub-§1-C** is enacted to read:

3 **1-C. Community support services.** "Community support services" means  
4 rehabilitation services that promote a person's recovery and integration into the  
5 community and that support the person in a living situation of that person's choice.  
6 "Community support services" includes, but is not limited to, community integration  
7 services, community rehabilitation services, intensive case management, daily living  
8 support services, skills development services, day support services, wellness recovery  
9 planning, trauma recovery, behavioral therapy and interpreter services.

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-FF, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. MMM,  
11 §1, is amended to read:

12 **2. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules to implement MaineCare Basic in  
13 accordance with this section. Rules Except as provided in subsection 3, paragraph I, rules  
14 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter  
15 375, subchapter 2-A.

16 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3174-FF, sub-§3, ¶I** is enacted to read:

17 I. A member is eligible for community support services in accordance with rules  
18 adopted by the department. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are major  
19 substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

20 **Sec. 4. Rules; MaineCare eligibility.** The Department of Health and Human  
21 Services shall amend the rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II,  
22 Section 17, Community Support Services to include access to services to persons who  
23 have a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, panic disorder or  
24 post-traumatic stress disorder. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section  
25 3174-FF, subsection 3, paragraph I, these rules are major substantive rules as defined in  
26 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must be provisionally adopted by the department  
27 and submitted to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2020.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in  
30 Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 17, Community Support  
31 Services to include access to services to persons who have a diagnosis of bipolar disorder,  
32 major depressive disorder, panic disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder.