

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

Legislative Document

No. 1461

S.P. 446

In Senate, April 2, 2019

An Act To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Mental Health Disorders

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DESCHAMBAULT of
York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BAILEY of Saco,
MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

1 **3. Psychotherapy.** Psychotherapy services that teach resiliency, managing the
2 psychotic disorder, promoting wellness and developing coping skills;

3 **4. Medication management.** Medication management to determine the most
4 effective medication and the lowest dosage to be effective;

5 **5. Supported education and employment.** Support services to help an individual
6 continue education or employment or return to education or employment; and

7 **6. Peer support.** Peer support services to connect the individual with others who
8 have similar experiences.

9 **§16003. Evaluation**

10 The department shall ensure that an organization providing coordinated specialty care
11 provides program evaluation assessments to the department, including external ratings of
12 fidelity to the coordinated specialty care model and reports of clinical and functional
13 outcomes.

14 **§16004. Rulemaking**

15 The department may adopt rules to accomplish the requirements of this chapter.
16 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
17 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

18 **Sec. 2. Federal approval.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall
19 submit any necessary applications to the United States Department of Health and Human
20 Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for waiver or state plan
21 amendments to implement the coordinated specialty care services established under the
22 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, chapter 16. The department shall maximize coverage
23 of services under the MaineCare program and private insurance.

24 **Sec. 3. Community mental health services block grant.** The Department of
25 Health and Human Services shall seek federal funding from the United States Department
26 of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
27 Administration through the community mental health services block grant to cover
28 services provided pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, chapter 16 that are
29 not otherwise covered by the MaineCare program or private insurance. The community
30 mental health services block grant funding may be used in any other manner allowable
31 under federal law to establish and support coordinated specialty care services.

32 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
33 legislation takes effect when approved.

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a
36 funding mechanism and reimbursement rate for the treatment of individuals showing
37 early signs of a psychotic disorder using a coordinated specialty care model. Services

1 must be evidence-based and treat both the individual and the family. The Department of
2 Health and Human Services is directed to establish a funding mechanism to reimburse for
3 the treatment of individuals in cooperation with the Department of Education and the
4 Department of Labor. The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to
5 apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for
6 Medicare and Medicaid Services for any necessary waivers and state plan amendments
7 and to seek federal funding under the community mental health services block grant.