

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L D 997  
(Filing No H-342)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**131ST LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 633, L D 997, "Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 3 in L D ) by striking out the following "October 1, 2023" and inserting the following 'January 1, 2024'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following

**'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative Provides funding for the department to amend its rule Chapter 101 MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 28 and Section 65 to change the educational requirements for all behavioral health professionals providing services for children

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$275,849	\$552,301
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$275,849	\$552,301
 <b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	 <b>2023-24</b>	 <b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$753,197	\$1,505,443
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$753,197	\$1,505,443
 <b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	 <b>2023-24</b>	 <b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$41,315	\$82,577
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$41,315	\$82,577

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207**

Initiative Provides allocations for the department to amend its rule Chapter 101. MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 28 and Section 65 to change the educational requirements for all behavioral health professionals providing services for children

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$183,900	\$368,201
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$183,900</b>	<b>\$368,201</b>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
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	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$459,749</b>	<b>\$920,502</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$753,197</b>	<b>\$1,505,443</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$41,315</b>	<b>\$82,577</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,254,261</b>	<b>\$2,508,522</b>

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes the requirement from the resolve that directs the Department of Health and Human Services to change its guidelines for mental health rehabilitation technician/community certification. It changes from October 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024 the date by which the MaineCare rules clarifying the educational requirements for behavioral health professionals must be amended. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 997

LR 1199(02)

## Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-342)*

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$459,749	\$920,502	\$920,988	\$920,988
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$459,749	\$920,502	\$920,988	\$920,988
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$753,197	\$1,505,443	\$1,504,982	\$1,504,982
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$41,315	\$82,577	\$82,552	\$82,552
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$753,197	\$1,505,443	\$1,504,982	\$1,504,982
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$41,315	\$82,577	\$82,552	\$82,552

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$459,749 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$920,502 in fiscal year 2024-25 for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101 MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 28 and Section 65 to change the educational requirements for all behavioral health professionals providing services for children. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.