

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 772

House of Representatives, March 20, 2023

**An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to  
Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use  
Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, FOSTER of Dexter, PAUL of  
Winterport.

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173-D**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §77, is further amended to read:

### **§3173-D. Reimbursement for substance use disorder treatment**

The department shall provide reimbursement, to the maximum extent allowable, under the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX, for substance use disorder treatment. Treatment must include, but need not be limited to, residential treatment and outpatient care as defined in Title 24-A, section 2842. Reimbursement under this section must include reimbursement for residential treatment for substance use disorder that occurs in another state when residential treatment is unavailable in the State.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for out-of-state residential treatment for substance use disorder when residential treatment is unavailable in the State.