

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 830

House of Representatives, March 23, 2023

### **Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health**

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

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and  
Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, JAVNER of Chester, MILLETT of  
Waterford, NUTTING of Oakland, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of  
Portland, WOOD of Greene, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

1           **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to design and**  
2 **implement a community-based model of care for adolescent mental health.**

3 **Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall design and  
4 implement a community-based model of care that addresses the acute mental health needs  
5 of adolescents with co-occurring disorders. The model of care must support adolescents  
6 following discharge from residential care for substance use disorder treatment or address  
7 urgent treatment needs during times when residential care for substance use disorder  
8 treatment is not available or desired by the adolescents, the adolescent's family or the  
9 adolescent's treatment team. The model of care must include the use of an evidence-based  
10 model, such as the so-called assertive continuing care protocol. No later than December 3,  
11 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the joint standing  
12 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a  
13 report demonstrating the efficacy of the model of care and sufficient data to aid in the  
14 development of a future MaineCare reimbursement rate.

15           **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
16 appropriations and allocations are made.

17 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
18 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199**

19 Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation for the Department of Health and Human  
20 Services to design and implement a community-based model of care that addresses the  
21 needs of adolescents with co-occurring disorders.

22 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
23 All Other	\$965,000	\$0
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25 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$965,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to design and  
28 implement a community-based model of care that addresses the acute mental health needs  
29 of adolescents with co-occurring disorders. It appropriates one-time funds of \$965,000 for  
30 this purpose. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to, no later than  
31 December 3, 2025, submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
32 jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report demonstrating the efficacy of  
33 the model of care and sufficient data to aid in the development of a future MaineCare  
34 reimbursement rate.