

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 875

House of Representatives, March 28, 2023

### **An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care**

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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 "R B. Hunt".

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, LOOKNER of Portland,  
MADIGAN of Waterville, NUTTING of Oakland, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT  
ROSS of Portland, WOOD of Greene.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-KKK** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-KKK. Reimbursement supplement for certain behavioral health services**

4 The department shall provide to a provider a supplement to reimbursement for  
5 behavioral health services to address the behavioral health of MaineCare members in  
6 accordance with this section.

7 **1. Application.** This section applies to behavioral health services that are part of a  
8 nationally recognized model supported by evidence-based research and delivered with  
9 model fidelity. The services described by this section include, but are not limited to:

10 A. Assertive community treatment;

11 B. Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing;

12 C. Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy;

13 D. Multisystemic therapy, including multisystemic therapy for problematic sexual  
14 behavior;

15 E. So-called attachment and biobehavioral catch-up;

16 F. Adolescent community reinforcement approach; and

17 G. Dialectical behavioral therapy.

18 **2. Amount.** A supplement provided under this section for a service must be in an  
19 amount equal to 30% of the reimbursement amount for that service.

20 **Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3016** is enacted to read:

21 **§3016. Behavioral health services**

22 When contracting for behavioral health services, the department shall contract with  
23 providers who provide behavioral health services that are part of a nationally recognized  
24 model supported by evidence-based research and delivered with model fidelity.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a  
27 supplement to MaineCare reimbursement for behavioral health services that are part of a  
28 nationally recognized model supported by evidence-based research and delivered with  
29 model fidelity. The bill requires the Department of Corrections to contract with providers  
30 who provide behavioral health services that are part of a nationally recognized model  
31 supported by evidence-based research and delivered with model fidelity when contracting  
32 for behavioral health services.