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In Senate, December 5, 2025

An Act to Increase Access to the Progressive Treatment Program Fund

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203. Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

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

- **Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3873-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 745, §1, is amended to read:
- 2. Application of fund. The department shall use the money in the fund to reimburse the legal costs incurred by private entities mental health care providers to initiate or renew existing progressive treatment programs in accordance with section 3873-A. A private entity mental health care provider seeking reimbursement must submit to the department an itemized bill of legal costs incurred to initiate the or renew a progressive treatment program. The maximum amount the department may reimburse a private entity for the legal costs to initiate a progressive treatment program is \$800 The department may reimburse mental health care providers for the legal costs to initiate or renew a progressive treatment program, subject to available funds.

13 SUMMARY

This bill allows mental health care providers to request reimbursement from the Department of Health and Human Services for both the initiation and renewal of progressive treatment programs, subject to available funds. Current law allows for reimbursement to private entities to initiate such programs.