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#### **CHAPTER 452**

#### H.P. 1252 - L.D. 1820

#### An Act to Provide Accountability for Certain Purchased Services by the Bureau of Mental Health

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3604, sub-§3, ¶¶E and F are enacted to read:

E. Any new contract must be awarded through a request-for-proposal procedure and any contract of \$150,000 per year or more that is renewed must be awarded through a request-for-proposal procedure at least every 6 years.

F. The commissioner shall establish a procedure to obtain assistance and advice from consumers of mental health services regarding the selection of contractors when requests for proposals are issued.

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §6203, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §24, is further amended to read:

H. Assure Ensure that rules are promulgated which adopted that specify the procedures by which a parent or guardian of a child in need of treatment may appeal decisions made relative to services provided by the bureau; and

Sec. 3. 34-B MRSA §6203, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §25, is amended to read:

I. Provide a comprehensive system of support services, including respite care, to families with children in need of treatment-;

Sec. 4. 34-B MRSA §6203, sub-§1, ¶¶J and K are enacted to read:

J. Require that any new contract for mental health services be awarded through a request-for-proposal procedure and any contract for mental health services of \$150,000 per year or more that is renewed be awarded through a request-for-proposal procedure at least every 6 years; and

K. Establish a procedure to obtain assistance and advice from consumers of mental health services regarding the selection of contractors when requests for proposals are issued for mental health services.

Sec. 5. Phase in of process. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3604,

subsection 3, paragraph E and section 6203, subsection 1, paragraph J, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall establish a schedule to ensure that, of the contracts subject to those provisions, 1/3 are subject to the request-for-proposal process in calendar year 1992, 1/3 in calendar year 1994 and 1/3 in calendar year 1996.

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 453

#### S.P. 203 - L.D. 530

#### An Act to Amend the Fair Credit Reporting Laws

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1316, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 306, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Methods. The disclosures required under section 1315 shall <u>must</u> be made to the consumer by one or more of the following methods:

A. In person, if he the consumer appears in person and furnishes proper identification, and, in any such case, the consumer shall <u>must</u> be permitted a personal visual inspection of his the consumer's file and, upon his the consumer's request, shall <u>must</u> be furnished copies of any report at a charge not to exceed the agency's actual costs for photocopying or otherwise producing the report;

B. By telephone, if he the consumer presents proper identification, and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to the consumer; or

C. By promptly mailing a copy of the consumer's file to him the consumer, if he the consumer has made a written request by ordinary mail with proper identification, at a charge not to exceed the agency's actual costs for photocopying or otherwise producing the report and mailing it.

In the event that the request for a copy of a consumer's file is made within 60 days after an adverse credit determination, the cost of the disclosure shall must be paid by the consumer reporting agency. The agency shall may not be held responsible for improper disclosure of a consumer's file resulting from improper delivery by the United States Postal Service when the agency properly mailed the file, correctly addressed, to the consumer who is the subject of the file <u>nor may the agency be held responsible for improper telephone disclosures under paragraph B when the agency used reasonable procedures to ensure proper identification of the consumer who called for the disclosure.</u>