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LD 376 Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 111 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, by January 1, 2022, to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15 to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than 70% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2021. If the department conducts a rate study of chiropractic services for manipulative treatments, the department may adopt new rates.

LD 450 Resolve, To Increase Public Awareness Regarding Bone Marrow Donation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 17 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to post to its publicly accessible website informational and educational materials, including a downloadable pamphlet, regarding bone marrow donation through the national marrow donor program to increase awareness of bone marrow donation.

LD 475 Resolve, To Create the Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 23 establishes the Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative in order to develop a plan to provide stable housing and community services to 200 persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are the most frequent consumers of high-cost services, such as psychiatric hospitals, emergency shelters, emergency rooms, police, jails and prisons. The collaborative must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 1, 2022, on its plan and recommendations. The committee is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report.

Resolve 2021, chapter 23 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2021.

LD 488 Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 46 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to give preference in awarding contracts for recovery community centers to counties that do not have a

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state-funded recovery community center or other recovery community center until every county has a center. It requires the department to give periodic updates to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2021, chapter 46 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 11, 2021.

LD 497 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Report on Child Abuse Prevention Efforts To Implement the Family First Prevention Services Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 24 directs the Department of Health and Human Services, no later than January 15, 2022, to report on its child abuse prevention work undertaken as part of implementing the federal Family First Prevention Services Act.

LD 529 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Needs of Persons with Low-incidence Health Conditions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 22 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a review of the needs of persons with low-incidence health conditions and develop a plan to address the unmet needs of those persons. It directs the department to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2022 and authorizes the committee to report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 559 An Act To Improve the Rights and Basic Protections of Persons with Acquired Brain Injuries

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 284 adds references to persons with acquired brain injuries to laws providing rights and basic protections to persons with intellectual disabilities or autism, including laws governing grievance procedures. It directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to develop and recommend rules and procedures regarding the rights and basic protections of persons with acquired brain injuries. It also requires the commissioner to report the findings and recommendations of the task force to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 2, 2022. It authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report submitted by the task force established in this legislation. It also directs the Department of Health and Human