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unit in the amount of \$10,166 per distinct discharge; the amended rule must be submitted to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in time for the increased rate of reimbursement to apply from October 1, 2021.

The resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to seek and apply for federal funds and funds from any other sources to pay the costs of providing psychiatric services to uninsured patients. It also directs the department to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the progress the department has made in developing a reimbursement rate to provide inpatient psychiatric care under its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 1490 An Act To Improve Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 321 makes the following changes to the Department of Health and Human Services' system of care for adults with intellectual disabilities, autism, brain injury and other related conditions.

1. It renames “system of care” the “system of services and support.”
2. It requires the department to post quarterly reports on the department’s publicly accessible website, for each home and community-based services waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in which the State participates, data on how many persons were served, how many persons were on the waiting list for services, by prioritization category when applicable, and one or more indicators of the length of time that persons are on the waiting list.
3. It requires the commissioner to include in the development of the department’s biennial plan for services to persons with intellectual disabilities and autism, the participation of persons with intellectual disabilities, autism, brain injury and other related conditions. Participation must reflect a diversity of ethnicity, race and gender.
4. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to introduce a bill in each session of the Legislature rather than biennially.