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3. It establishes that, in determining any increase according to the United States Consumer Price Index, consideration must be given to the goal of reaching, within a reasonable time, a benefit level equal to or consistent with the current budget at the lower level of living for an individual, rather than a retired couple, established by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for Portland, Maine.

LD 1216 An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 610 repeals a section of law that requires crisis intervention services in four counties and replaces it with a requirement for crisis intervention support services to be made available by the Department of Health and Human Services in all 16 counties in the State. The law requires that a community-based telephone crisis intervention hotline be provided by crisis intervention support services. The hotline must coordinate with the national 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline.

LD 1277 An Act Regarding Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Activities

Public Law 2025, chapter 760 removes anabolic steroids from the definition of “controlled substance” in the laws governing controlled substances prescription monitoring and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to purge from the records of the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program all information concerning the prescribing and dispensing of anabolic steroids. The law also provides funding for database maintenance to implement this exception of anabolic steroids from the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.

LD 1426 Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment

Resolve 2025, chapter 119 requires that, by March 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services issue a request for applications for a pilot program to develop child assertive community treatment team services in the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. The request for applications must require the awardees of the grants to use workforce incentives designed to attract, train and retain child assertive community treatment team staff. The department is required to engage in a competitive process to determine the awardees. The term of the contract may not exceed two years. The law provides one-time funding for the child assertive community treatment team. Within 90 days following the conclusion of the pilot program, the department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing the outcomes and recommendations for continuation of the pilot programs.

Resolve 2025, chapter 119 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 119 became law without the Governor’s signature, and as an emergency measure, effective January 11, 2026.