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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

**Resolve, To Address Reimbursement Rates for Licensed Clinical Social Workers under MaineCare** 

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MOORE of Washington. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase 2 MaineCare rates. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2020, the Department of 3 Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III to increase reimbursement rates for counseling services provided by 4 licensed clinical social workers as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 5 7001-A to no less than the lowest reimbursement rate for the same counseling services 6 paid by an insurance carrier licensed in this State in accordance with Title 24-A. Rules 7 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 8 9 375, subchapter 2-A.

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## **SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III to increase reimbursement rates for counseling services provided by licensed clinical social workers to no less than the lowest reimbursement rate for the same counseling services paid by an insurance carrier licensed in this State. The rules are routine technical rules and must be amended no later than January 1, 2020.