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Resolve, To Ensure Access to Community Mental Health Services

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell. **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare rates. Resolved:** That, no later than October 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services and Section 65, Behavioral Health Services to increase reimbursement rates for daily living support services and any home and community-based services provided by behavioral health professionals by 15%. The department shall ensure that the increase in reimbursement rates be applied to ensure providers are located in a sufficient geographical range for MaineCare members to access services and so that providers can maintain the services provided to MaineCare members. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

12 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 17 and 65 to increase reimbursement rates for daily living support services and any home and community-based services provided by behavioral health professionals by 15%. It requires that the department ensure that the increase in reimbursement rates be applied to ensure providers are located in a sufficient geographical range for MaineCare members to access services and so that providers can maintain the services provided to MaineCare members.