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Amend the resolve in section 1 by inserting at the end the following:

‘The department shall amend the MaineCare rules for licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed clinical professional counselors to provide additional standards for professional practice in order to coordinate and integrate with managed behavioral health care services provided through the MaineCare program.

Implementation of the rule changes under this section and broadened reimbursement rules for licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed clinical professional counselors practicing independently must take place in coordination with and at the same time as the department’s initiative in managed behavioral health care services under the MaineCare program.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further’

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

‘Sec. 2 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds for the additional costs to the MaineCare program of allowing reimbursement to outpatient clinical services providers who practice independently.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$0	\$599,989
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$599,989
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$0	\$1,029,530
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,029,530

SUMMARY

The amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the MaineCare rules for licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed professional counselors to provide additional standards in order to coordinate and integrate with MaineCare-managed behavioral health care services. The amendment ties implementation

of the rule changes to the beginning of managed behavioral health care services. The amendment designates the rules as routine technical rules.

Implementation of the rule changes and broadened reimbursement rules for licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed clinical professional counselors practicing independently must take place in coordination with and at the same time as the department's initiative in managed behavioral health care services under the MaineCare program.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)