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Amend the amendment by striking out the first, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 12 to 23 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

'Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1 Reimbursement to outpatient behavioral health clinical care service providers. Resolved: That in implementing managed behavioral health care services as required by Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part PP and Public Law 2005, chapter 519, Part ZZZ, and consistent with the budgetary savings in fiscal year 2007 of \$10,431,749 required by Public Law 2005, chapter 457, Part PP, section 3, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules to allow for reimbursement under the MaineCare program to outpatient behavioral health care clinical service providers who practice independently and are participating providers in the managed care initiative implemented under Public Law 2005, chapters 457 and 519. For the purposes of this section, "outpatient behavioral health care clinical service providers" includes but is not limited to licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed pastoral counselors and licensed clinical professional counselors.'

Further amend the amendment in the 4th paragraph after the title in the 2nd line (page 1, line 25 in amendment) by striking out the following: "; and be it further" and inserting in its place the following: '!

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the 4th paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 26 to 35 and page 2, lines 1 to 9 in amendment)

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services, in implementing managed behavioral health care services and consistent with budgeted savings, to amend its rules to allow MaineCare reimbursement to outpatient behavioral health care clinical service providers who practice independently and who participate in the department's managed care initiative.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)