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House of Representatives, December 30, 2013

Resolve, To Eliminate Financial Inequality in MaineCare Reimbursement for Community-based Behavioral Health Services

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 23, 2013. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative SANBORN of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and
Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, PRINGLE of Windham, ROCHELO of Biddeford,
Senator: CRAVEN of Androscoggin.

Sec. 1. Rulemaking regarding MaineCare reimbursement for community-based behavioral health services. Resolved: That, by October 1, 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the rules of reimbursement for behavioral health services under the MaineCare program to provide that all community-based behavioral health services covered pursuant to Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 65 are reimbursed at the same rates set forth in Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65 as applicable to community-based agencies. The amended rules must prohibit a community-based agency that operates as part of a hospital or is an administrative unit of a hospital from billing for Section 65 behavioral health services at hospital rates. The rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules of reimbursement for behavioral health services under the MaineCare program to provide that all community-based behavioral health services are reimbursed at community-based rates. The amended rules must prohibit billing at hospital rates. The rules, which are routine technical rules, must be amended by October 1, 2014.