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An Act to Establish a Substance Use Disorder Hotline and Consultation and Clinical Supervision Program

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and
Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, PERRY of Calais, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, ZAGER
of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 279** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 279**

4 **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER HOTLINE AND CONSULTATION AND**
5 **CLINICAL SUPERVISION SERVICES**

6 **§1700-I. Substance use disorder hotline and consultation and clinical supervision**
7 **services**

8 **1. Hotline.** The department shall establish a substance use disorder hotline staffed by
9 volunteers and offering on-call assistance to health care providers seeking guidance in the
10 treatment of patients with substance use disorder.

11 **2. Consultation and clinical supervision program.** The department shall establish
12 a consultation and clinical supervision program offering ongoing consultation and clinical
13 supervision services to health care providers who provide care to patients with substance
14 use disorder.

15 **3. Consultation.** In implementing the hotline and program established pursuant to
16 subsections 1 and 2, respectively, the department shall consult with health care providers
17 with expertise in the treatment of patients with substance use disorder.

18 **4. Funding.** The department may accept federal funds and grants for implementing
19 the hotline and program established pursuant to subsections 1 and 2, respectively, and may
20 contract for work with outside vendors or individuals.

21 **5. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted
22 pursuant to this chapter are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
23 subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a substance
26 use disorder hotline staffed by volunteers and offering on-call assistance to health care
27 providers seeking guidance in the treatment of patients with substance use disorder. It also
28 directs the department to establish a consultation and clinical supervision program offering
29 ongoing consultation and clinical supervision services to health care providers who provide
30 care to patients with substance use disorder. It directs the department to engage the services
31 of health care providers with expertise in the treatment of patients with substance use
32 disorder. It provides that the department may accept federal funds and grants to implement
33 the hotline and the program and directs the department to adopt routine technical rules.