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An Act to Improve Rural Transportation and Access to Mental Health Care and Physical Health Care

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-KKK** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-KKK. Transportation to community support services**

4 The department shall provide a MaineCare member with mental illness who is
5 receiving adult community support services and who resides more than 10 miles away from
6 the member's community support provider's office with nonemergency transportation
7 services to and from medical and mental health appointments and to and from activities
8 identified in the member's community support individual support plan. The department
9 may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
10 routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

11 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-LLL** is enacted to read:

12 **§3174-LLL. Provider reimbursement for travel to community support services**

13 The department shall reimburse a community support provider or a community-based
14 mental health provider for travel time when the provider travels more than 10 miles in a
15 single direction to visit a MaineCare member for a MaineCare billable service in the
16 member's home or community-based setting. The department may adopt rules to implement
17 this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in
18 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a
21 MaineCare member with mental illness who is receiving adult community support services
22 and who resides more than 10 miles away from the member's community support provider's
23 office with nonemergency transportation services to and from medical and mental health
24 appointments and to and from activities identified in the member's community support
25 individual support plan. It also requires the department to reimburse a community support
26 provider or community-based mental health provider for travel time when the provider
27 travels more than 10 miles in a single direction to visit a MaineCare member for a
28 MaineCare billable service in the member's home or community-based setting. It allows
29 the department to adopt routine technical rules.