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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 784, L.D. 1236, “An Act to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas and to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase availability of behavioral health services in rural areas. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this section as "the department," shall increase the availability of behavioral health services to children and adults for families involved in the child welfare system. The department shall:

- 1. Offer grants or other incentives to behavioral health providers to expand programs into rural areas and serve children and adults in families involved in the child welfare system; and
- 2. Establish a method of reimbursing providers of services to families involved in the child welfare system to meet together and coordinate services for each family.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: To provide one-time funding for grants and incentives to behavioral health providers to increase availability of services in rural areas to children and adults for families involved in the child welfare system.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the bill to a resolve. It removes requirements related to faculty team meetings and reimbursement rates for Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 28 and 65 services. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to offer grants and incentives to providers to expand into rural areas to provide services to children and adults in families involved in the child welfare system. It provides an appropriation of \$500,000 in each year of the biennium for this purpose.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**