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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 584, L.D. 1443, “An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service Providers and Housing Assistance Providers”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 22-A MRSA §214, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. "In good standing" means that a service provider has successfully complied with the terms and conditions of its most recent contract with the department and has no unresolved or outstanding compliance concerns.

Sec. 2. 22-A MRSA §214, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. "Previous contract rate" means the payment rate or structure established under the most recent contract between a service provider and the department.

Sec. 3. 22-A MRSA §214, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. "Service provider" means an entity, including, but not limited to, a private or nonprofit behavioral health agency, housing assistance provider or other nonprofit organization that contracts with the department to provide services.

Sec. 4. 22-A MRSA §214, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Contract extensions. The department shall include language in its contracts with service providers providing that, in the event of a delay in the finalization of a noncompetitively procured contract renewal, as long as the delays are solely the result of department or state administrative procurement processes, the value of the renewal contract meets the review threshold of the State Procurement Review Committee as set forth in Title 5, section 1824-B and the service provider remains in good standing with the department, the department must offer the service provider the option of extending the contract for up to 6 months at the previous contract rate and terms until the renewal of the contract is finalized.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

