

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

—
H.P. 935 - L.D. 1426

Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Maine is experiencing significant challenges in providing timely services to children with behavioral health challenges; and

Whereas, services for children with severe behavioral health challenges are especially scarce; and

Whereas, assertive community treatment is an evidence-based intervention effective at keeping people with severe behavioral health challenges in the community setting and out of institutional settings; and

Whereas, Maine currently has only one child assertive community treatment team in the State; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible in order to develop the pilot program required by this legislation that addresses the scarcity of child assertive community treatment teams and provides timely services to children with behavioral health challenges; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Child assertive community treatment team. Resolved: That, by March 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall issue a request for applications for a grant to establish a pilot program to develop one child assertive community treatment team to serve the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. The request for applications must require the awardee of the grant to use workforce incentives designed to attract, train and retain child assertive community treatment staff. The department shall engage in a competitive process to determine the awardee. The term of the contract may not exceed 2 years.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, within 90 days following the conclusion of the pilot program under section 1, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing the outcomes and recommendations for continuation of the pilot program. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the next regular or special session after the report is received.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for child assertive community treatment services.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$102,717
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$102,717

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$155,321
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$155,321

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$744
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$744

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a grant for a pilot program to develop a child assertive community treatment team.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$80,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$80,000

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$182,717
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$155,321
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$744

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$0 \$338,782

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.