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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.

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.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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

CHAPTER 279

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER HOTLINE AND CONSULTATION AND
CLINICAL SUPERVISION SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY

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