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### **An Act Regarding Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services and Increasing Reimbursement Rates for Those Services**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§21**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 524, §11, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **21. List of banned performance-enhancing substances.** Develop and maintain a list  
5 of banned performance-enhancing substances in accordance with Title 20-A, section 6621;  
6 ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§22**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 524, §12, is amended  
8 to read:

9 **22. Certification of recovery residences.** Establish by rule criteria for the  
10 certification of recovery residences. The criteria for the certification of recovery residences  
11 must be based on criteria for recovery residences developed by a nationally recognized  
12 organization that supports persons recovering from substance use disorder. Certification  
13 of a recovery residence pursuant to this subsection is voluntary. Rules adopted pursuant to  
14 this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A-; and

15 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§23** is enacted to read:

16 **23. Trauma-informed principles of care.** Ensure that all substance use disorder  
17 services funded by the department conform to trauma-informed principles of care as  
18 developed by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance  
19 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

20 **Sec. 4. Department of Health and Human Services to increase substance**  
21 **use disorder treatment reimbursement rates.** No later than January 1, 2022, the  
22 Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare  
23 Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, to increase all rates  
24 of reimbursement for outpatient services for substance use disorder by 25%.

25 **Sec. 5. Department of Health and Human Services to amend substance**  
26 **abuse treatment facility rules.** No later than January 1, 2022, the Department of Health  
27 and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,  
28 Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, Appendix B, Principles  
29 of Reimbursement for Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities, to make the following  
30 changes:

31 1. Increase the rates of reimbursement for all services, except for detoxification  
32 services, by 25%; and

33 2. Reimburse detoxification services according to a cost-based rate methodology.

34 **Sec. 6. Department of Health and Human Services to amend private non-**  
35 **medical institution services rules.** No later than January 1, 2022, the Department of  
36 Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,  
37 Chapter II, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, to make the following  
38 changes to services provided in a private non-medical institution Appendix B facility:

39 1. Increase the limit on the number of consecutive days allowed for a residential  
40 rehabilitation type I service to 45 days as long as the need is documented in the MaineCare  
41 member's treatment plan;

