

STATE OF MAINE

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S.P. 876 - L.D. 2083

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to
Establish a Stakeholder Group to Study Timely Access to Psychiatric
Medication Management Services Across the State**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to establish stakeholder group to study timely access to psychiatric medication management services across the State. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group to study access to psychiatric medication management services across the State. The study must examine:

1. The availability of psychiatric medication management services across the State, including a review of geographic and other disparities in accessing psychiatric medication management services;
2. The availability of psychiatric nurse practitioners to provide psychiatric medication management services; and
3. Challenges to sustaining and expanding the psychiatric nurse practitioner workforce, including an examination of educational opportunities, financial support for the education of nurse practitioners and the availability of nurse educators to train nurse practitioners.

The department shall include in the stakeholder group psychiatric nurse practitioners who currently deliver psychiatric medication management services, physicians who currently deliver psychiatric medication management services, consumers and family members of consumers of medication management services, advocates for mental health services, experts in increasing the mental health workforce, representatives of the Department of Labor, representatives of the Finance Authority of Maine, representatives of educational institutions that train psychiatric nurse practitioners and representatives of professional associations for psychiatric nurse practitioners.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 1, 2025 on the study under section 1. The

joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.