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Senator Claxton, Chair
Representative Meyer, Chair
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
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RE: Report pursuant to Res. 2021, Ch. 119 - *Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Providing Inpatient Care to Individuals with Acute Mental Health Care Needs*

Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

Pursuant to Resolves 2021, Ch. 119, *Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Providing Inpatient Care to Individuals with Acute Mental Health Care Needs*, we are providing you with an update on progress the Department has made in developing a standardized reimbursement rate to provide inpatient psychiatric care under its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03.

This work is included in the plan for a 2022 rate study as part of the larger MaineCare rate system reform. While originally the Department intended to initiate this rate study earlier in this fiscal year (2022), this was delayed due to capacity limitations related to required rulemaking and State Plan Amendments for new initiatives including LD 1470, as well as numerous supplemental payments relating to COVID-19 provider relief.

The Southern Maine Health Care rate change is effective for discharges beginning October 1, 2021. The State Plan Amendment reflecting this change was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on November 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle S. Probert".

Michelle S. Probert
MaineCare Director