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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Ensure Coordination and Effectiveness in the
Provision of Services under the MaineCare Noncategorical Waiver'**

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1 Development of processes. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure the coordination and effective provision of MaineCare services provided to noncategorical members eligible for benefits under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-G, subsection 1, paragraph F, referred to in this section as "noncategorical members," by:

1. Implementing a process for tracking the number of mental health treatment sessions provided to noncategorical members for purposes of appropriate clinical planning;
2. Establishing and implementing prior authorization processes to aid in ensuring that a noncategorical member's remaining service availability is not exhausted within any given calendar year;
3. Creating criteria for necessary clinical justification for exceeding the calendar year limit of outpatient services. The department may increase the maximum number of visits for outpatient mental health services, excluding visits for medication management, to 24 visits in a 12-month period as long as any cost associated with this increase is offset by savings from managing the utilization of this service by methods that may include prior authorization;
4. Developing systems to enable providers to identify the eligibility category of noncategorical members, the members' enrollment dates and the members' recertification dates;
5. Developing systems for transition planning for noncategorical members who leave or become ineligible for the MaineCare program; and
6. Providing a priority reinstatement process for certain noncategorical members who have good cause for failing to recertify their eligibility or placement on the waiting list in a timely manner.

The department may adopt routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, as needed to implement this section. '

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of the resolve. It retains the provisions of the resolve for tracking the number of mental health treatment sessions, establishing prior authorization processes and creating criteria for clinical justification for exceeding the calendar year limit. It creates a cap of up to 24 visits for outpatient services excluding visits for medication management, provided that any cost increase is offset by savings from managing utilization through prior authorization. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop systems that enable providers to identify the eligibility category of noncategorical members, the members' enrollment dates and the members' recertification dates. The amendment also requires the department to develop systems for transition planning for noncategorical

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members who for any reason leave the MaineCare program. Additionally, the amendment directs the department to provide a priority reinstatement process for certain noncategorical members.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)