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Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 4. MaineCare eligibility; bipolar disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 17, Community Support Services to restore access to services to persons who have a diagnosis of bipolar disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-FF, subsection 3, paragraph C-1, these rules are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must be provisionally adopted by the department and submitted to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2018.

SUMMARY

This amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 17, Community Support Services to restore access to services to persons who have a diagnosis of bipolar disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder. The amendment removes the need for the appropriations and allocations section by reducing some of the eligibility criteria and requiring the department to fund the remaining added services within existing resources.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)