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Resolve, to Support the Full Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in the State

(EMERGENCY)

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Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South Portland, MCCABE of Lewiston, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, Maine was accepted into the federal certified community behavioral health
 clinic Medicaid demonstration program in June 2024;
- 5 **Whereas,** the program will address a critical lack of access to and availability of 6 behavioral health services in the State and deliver effective evidence-based treatments for 7 mental health and substance use disorder to residents in their local communities;
- 8 Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period 9 to address the critical need for additional funding to support full implementation of the 5 10 certified community behavioral health clinics in the State; and
- 11 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 12 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 13 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 14 therefore, be it
- 15 Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following 16 appropriations and allocations are made.

17 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

18 Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

19 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support the full implementation of the 5 certified community behavioral health clinics certified by the State as part of the federal certified 20 21 community behavioral health clinic Medicaid demonstration program, including hiring clinical and administrative staff critical to the success of the program. The funding must 22 23 support enhancement of the department's proposed certified community behavioral health clinic rate methodology, including increasing wages for new clinical positions that require 24 graduate-level education from 100% to 125% of the state median wage as reported by the 25 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and increasing wages for 26 new administrative positions from 75% to 100% of the state median wage as reported by 27 28 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

29	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
30	All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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32	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

35 SUMMARY

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This resolve provides one-time funding to support the full implementation of the 5 certified community behavioral health clinics certified by the State as part of the federal certified community behavioral health clinic Medicaid demonstration program, including hiring clinical and administrative staff critical to the success of the program. The funding must support enhancement of the Department of Health and Human Services' proposed certified community behavioral health clinic rate methodology, including increasing wages

- for new clinical positions that require graduate-level education from 100% to 125% of the 1
- state median wage as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor 2
- Statistics and increasing wages for new administrative positions from 75% to 100% of the state median wage as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor 3
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- 5 Statistics.