



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 568

House of Representatives, February 12, 2019

**An Act To Ensure the Availability of Community Integration  
Services**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old  
Orchard Beach, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, STOVER of Boothbay, TEPLER of Topsham,  
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

3 **Whereas,** community integration services are important for the overall health and  
4 well-being of recipients of those services; and

5 **Whereas,** low rates of reimbursement for these services create barriers to providers  
6 willing to provide these services; and

7 **Whereas,** instability of willing providers reduces access to services; and

8 **Whereas,** this legislation requires that an amendment to rules to address this issue  
9 be made by July 1, 2019; and

10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
11 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
13 therefore,

14 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

15 **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase**  
16 **community integration services rates.** The Department of Health and Human  
17 Services shall amend rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section  
18 17, Allowances for Community Support Services to increase the reimbursement rate for  
19 community integration services, effective July 1, 2019, to \$24.25 per quarter-hour.

20 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
21 allocations are made.

22 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

23 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

24 Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates in the Department of Health  
25 and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section  
26 17 for community integration services.

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28 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
29 All Other	\$2,167,025	\$2,167,025
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31 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,167,025</u>	<u>\$2,167,025</u>

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33 <b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
34 All Other	\$3,932,975	\$3,932,975
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2 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
3 legislation takes effect when approved.

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This bill provides funding to increase reimbursement rates in the Department of  
6 Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III,  
7 Section 17 for community integration services to \$24.25 per quarter-hour.