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Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and
Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, JAVNER of Chester, MILLETT of
Waterford, NUTTING of Oakland, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of
Portland, WOOD of Greene, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to design and**
 2 **implement a community-based model of care for adolescent mental health.**

3 **Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall design and
 4 implement a community-based model of care that addresses the acute mental health needs
 5 of adolescents with co-occurring disorders. The model of care must support adolescents
 6 following discharge from residential care for substance use disorder treatment or address
 7 urgent treatment needs during times when residential care for substance use disorder
 8 treatment is not available or desired by the adolescents, the adolescent's family or the
 9 adolescent's treatment team. The model of care must include the use of an evidence-based
 10 model, such as the so-called assertive continuing care protocol. No later than December 3,
 11 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the joint standing
 12 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a
 13 report demonstrating the efficacy of the model of care and sufficient data to aid in the
 14 development of a future MaineCare reimbursement rate.

15 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
 16 appropriations and allocations are made.

17 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
 18 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199**

19 Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation for the Department of Health and Human
 20 Services to design and implement a community-based model of care that addresses the
 21 needs of adolescents with co-occurring disorders.

22 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
23 All Other	\$965,000	\$0
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25 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$965,000	\$0

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to design and
 28 implement a community-based model of care that addresses the acute mental health needs
 29 of adolescents with co-occurring disorders. It appropriates one-time funds of \$965,000 for
 30 this purpose. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to, no later than
 31 December 3, 2025, submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
 32 jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report demonstrating the efficacy of
 33 the model of care and sufficient data to aid in the development of a future MaineCare
 34 reimbursement rate.